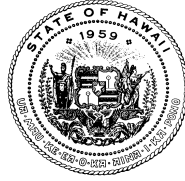


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0465
Relating to Kupuna Care

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS
REPRESENTATIVE JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE NADINE K. NAKAMURA, VICE CHAIR

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE BERT KOBAYASHI, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 6, 2019
9:15 AM

Room Number: 329

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 \$9,000,000 for
5 SFY2020 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. This bill rounds up the appropriation amount to \$9M.

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
9 individuals statewide at a cost of \$8,604,459.00. The annual average cost per person is \$1,524.
10 This request of \$9,000,000 would allow the state to maintain the 5,643 individuals and allow for
11 partial expansion of an additional 262 participants. These funds would enable EOA to target and
12 triage additional participants according to their vulnerability utilizing the comprehensive person
13 centered intake and assessment tools, developed statewide for targeting public supports to
14 persons with greatest need. Funding is critical as the population over age 60 is increasing
15 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 support advancing this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
10 within the Administration's base budget.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-465

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 7:39:31 PM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura, Honorable Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness, Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on 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.

The Kāhuna Care Program is a core program for home- and community-based support services. The proposed funding of \$9,000,000 will ensure the continuation of these critical services for our kāhuna and their families.

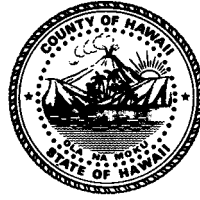
We urge you to support HB 465 and to recommend its passage.

We thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)



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Testimony in **SUPPORT** to HB 465, 466, and 467 Relating to Aging

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

HB 465

Status

EOA-T/PABEA-T

RELATING TO AGING.

Makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program.

HB 466

Status

EOA-T/PABEA-T

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER.

Appropriates funds to the department of health for the aging and disability resource center.

HB 467

Status

EOA-T/PABEA-T

RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CAREGIVERS PROGRAM.

Changes the kupuna caregivers program allocation cap from \$70 per day to \$350 per week. Appropriates funds for implementation of the kupuna caregivers program.

Testimony: C. Kimo Alameda, **Hawaii County Office of Aging (HCOA)** Executive

Hearing Date: February 6, 2019 – 9:15am.

Room Number: 329

HCOA's Position: The Hawaii County Executive Office of Aging is in support of all three bills.



Fiscal Implications:

-HB 465 **Kupuna Care Program** appropriates, out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$9 million which is then put into a weighted formula to **Hawaii County of approximately 1.2 million per year.**

-HB 466 **ADRC Program** appropriates, out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$3,100,000 which is then put into a weighted formula to **Hawaii County of approximately \$500,000 per year.**

-HB 467 **Kupuna Caregiver Program** appropriates, out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$2,000,000 which is then put into a weighted formula to **Hawaii County of approximately \$125,000 per year.** HCOA agrees with the modification of line 5 with \$350 per week instead of \$70 per day. HCOA would also like to suggest a modification to line 14 to include the word **'and'**/or because in Hawaii County respite for caregivers are more than providing the care recipient with a single service. For example, a care recipient might get homemaker services on Tuesday and personal care services on Wednesday of the same week.

Hawaii County has several different approaches towards achieving the same goals as the rest of the state when it comes to caring for Kupuna. One approach is to invest in the county's RSVP program which helps seniors find "purpose", and much of these kupuna are caregivers so their volunteerism also serves as their respite making it a "win-win". Hawaii County has over 1,000 seniors in the RSVP program, 3 times more than Oahu.

Second, HCOA looks at Kupuna Care services as a "short-term" (6-12 months) service in which caregivers are told at intake that although services are based on need, caregivers are encouraged to establish their informal support networks while learning self-care strategies, increasing their caregiving knowledge, applying for Medicaid if eligible, and increasing their knowledge of other private, public, and community resources to further support the long-term needs of kupuna. This is how we've been able to stretch the KC dollar.

However, with the growing population of kupuna and the added State contractual expectations of assessments, data entry, and "no wrong door" mandates, HCOA will be in need of increased funding to the requested amount above in 2022. Until then, we can manage with the funding stated in these bills.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



HB-465

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:56:28 AM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Stone-Walls	Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

Comments:

THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



February 4, 2019

House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness
Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Rep. Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Re: HB 465 – Appropriation for full funding of Kūpuna Care Program

Hearing: Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Room: 329

Position: Strong support

The Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is in strong support of full funding for the Kūpuna Care Program. As the bill rightly notes, Hawai'i's population is growing increasingly older, and more funding, properly used, is critical to serve this segment of the population.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in favor of this important bill.

Alan B. Burdick

Chair, Kūpuna Caucus
Democratic Party of Hawai'i

Burdick808@gmail.com



CGPTA
Chinatown Gateway Plaza
Tenant Association
Since 2006

To: Committees on Human Services & Homelessness (HSH) and Health (HLT)

From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 9:15 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol, 415 Beretania St.

Re: Strong Support for HB465, Relating to Aging.

Aloha e Chairs San Buenaventura and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Nakamura and Kobayashi, and Members of the HSH and HLT Committees,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP) and chair of the CGP Tenant Association (CGPTA). CGP is a 200-unit, city-owned, affordable housing property in Chinatown. Residents organized the CGPTA 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**.

We have a number of kupuna in our affordable housing population. I'm pushing 70, myself. Over the years, I have watched many of my friends and affordable housing 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 seniors in need are assured of receiving basic care. It is unimaginable that we would not do the right thing for our kupuna, especially in Hawaii Nei.

We are trusting in you to do the right thing. **Please, pass HB465** and fund Kupuna Care. Thank you!

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



February 6, 2019 at 8:45 am
Conference Room 329

House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness
House Committee on Health

To: Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura
Vice Chair Nadine K. Nakamura

Chair John M. Mizuno
Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi

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

Re: Testimony in Support
HB 465, 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, 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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, 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, to fully fund Kupuna Care services.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation Services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to take their elderly loved ones to medical and benefit appointments, do grocery shopping, pick up medications, 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 SB 1023. 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.





State of Hawaii House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

State of Hawaii House Committee on Health
The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Legislature
Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 9:15 am
Room 329

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

Good morning Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Human Services & Homelessness Committee and Health Committee:

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports the intent of HB 465 to provide full funding for Kupuna Care 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 and 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.

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. Kupuna Care funded home delivered meals are more than a nutritious 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Rona Yagi Fukumoto
President & CEO, Lanakila Pacific


Lori Lau
Director, Lanakila Meals on Wheels

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State Capitol, Conference Room 329
Wednesday, February 6, 2019; 9:15 a.m.

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

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 465, which appropriates full funding for the Kupuna Care Program.

Kupuna Care is recognized as an effective program to keep seniors living at home (as most of them prefer) for as long as possible. By providing Kupuna Care services such as personal care, homemaking, chores, home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care, the State is able to assist kupuna to remain in the community and avoid institutionalization, which can be costly for the elderly person and his/her family as well as for the State.

Most people who are forced to live in institutions like nursing homes are not able to afford the huge cost of such care, which can run \$11,000 a month or more. When their financial resources are exhausted, they end up applying for Medicaid. Taxpayers bear the burden for Medicaid costs, which are shared by both federal and state governments. As Hawaii's aged population continues to grow and more require institutional care, Medicaid costs will eat into State funding sources that could be used for other programs and needs.

Kupuna Care is a cost-effective and humane program that recognizes both the needs and desires of the kupuna themselves.

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



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**HB 465, RELATING TO AGING
Hse HSH/HLT Hearing
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – 9:15 am
Room 329
Position: Support**

Chair San Buenaventura and Chair Mizuno, and Members of the Joint HSH/HLT 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 HB465 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.

HB-465

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:26:38 PM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members,

We are in strong support of robust funding for this critical program.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Rep. Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair



DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

TIME: 9:15 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

HB 465 RELATING TO AGING

To the Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair; the Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness; and to the Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair; Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Health:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 465 relating to Aging.**

HB 465 provides for an appropriation out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,000,000 or so much there of as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much there of as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to provide full funding of the kupuna care program including, but not limited to, the following nine core services that support individuals in need of assistance to perform some of the basic and instrumental activities of daily living include transferring from bed to chair, moving about within the home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and eating. Instrumental activities of daily living include preparing a meal, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the telephone, managing money, housekeeping, and using available transportation. Kupuna care also provides core services, including personal care, homemaking, chores, home delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care. In addition, kupuna care clients may select services from a contracted provider or have the option for a participant-directed approach to home and community-based services

Hawai`i faces a long-term care crisis that prevents too many seniors and people with disabilities from being able to live with dignity at home or in their communities. The vast majority of people who are aging or living with a disability want to do so at home, but face challenges finding and affording the support they need to do so. Programs that emphasize independence rather than institutionalization must be better structured to support them. DPH will take steps to strengthen and expand the home care workforce, give seniors and people with disabilities access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensure that all these resources are readily available at home or in the community. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 12, ln. 44-50.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., to strengthen and expand the home care workforce, give seniors access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensure that all these resources are readily available at home or in the community, OCCLP supports HB 465 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Human Services and Homelessness and Committee on Health.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja

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House
Committee on Human Services and Homelessness &
Committee on Health
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
9:15 a.m.
Conference Room 329

LATE

To: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair; Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
RE: Strong Support for HB465, Relating to Aging

Aloha Chairs Buenaventura and Mizuno and Members of the Committees:

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, to fully fund Hawaii's Kupuna Careg 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).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB465.

HB-465

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 4:36:23 PM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

re: HB 465 Relating to Aging February 6, 2019 9:15 a.m.

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Nakamura and committee members.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I'm testifying in strong support of HB 465. The Kupuna Care program, nearly 20 years old, has assisted thousands of Kupuna to be able to remain in their own homes. By receiving medical transportation, personal services, homemaker services, chore services, delivered meals, eligible Kupuna (those with deficits in two or more Activities of Daily Living) can avoid costly and undesirable nursing home care.

This also save the state millions in Medicaid costs.

Please support HB 465 to fund Kupuna Care to fully fund Kupuna Care at \$9M and to put this amount in the base budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service, MSW (Retired)

HB-465

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 2:17:17 PM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Cisler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

RE: IN SUPPORT of HB 465, Relating to Aging

I am 77 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:

Very grateful to Catholic Charities transportation as it provides my way to Doctor's appts., grocery shopping, to the mall, to restaurants - very important for me as a senior, as I don't drive and therefore 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. CABRAZ

City & Zip Code: EWA BEACH, HI 96762

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

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

I am 71 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:

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 for 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. Suarez

City & Zip Code: Wahiawa 96786

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

RE: IN SUPPORT of HB 465, Relating to Aging

I am 67 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 need a way to go grocery shopping and
excursions*

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

Print Name: Elizabeth Cullen

City & Zip Code: Kaunoi, HI 96744

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, 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: KANEONE 96744

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Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because: *I have difficult walking.*

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

Print Name: Stella Isara

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI, 96822

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

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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: PEANGKACO HOWARD

City & Zip Code: WAIANA'E, 96792

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

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

I am 83 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:

*They take me to the District park
in Waianae 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: WAIANAЕ, HI 96792

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

SHOPPING ^{BY} ~~ON~~ 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: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

RE: IN SUPPORT of HB 465, 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: Wahmawa 96786

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

*I have no other ways to get out where
especially to the doctors*

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

Print Name: APILORIS TAOA

City & Zip Code: 96786

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

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

I am 84 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:

The Transportation Service is very important to me because I don't drive. My husband is ill and is at a nursing home and I need your transportation to visit him.

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

Print Name: Violet Kurisaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96825

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (9:15 a.m., Room 329)

RE: IN SUPPORT of HB 465, 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

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:23:24 AM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francine Gora	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Francine Gora and I am a caregiver and I support this bill. As a caregiver for the past 8 years to my 91 year old Mom who has dementia, it is important to have additional assistance since I have left my job as a teacher in 2011 to take care of my Mom.

Again, please support this bill.

Mahalo nui loa,

Francine Gora

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:41:32 AM

Testimony for HSH on 2/6/2019 9:15:00 AM

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karen oneill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: