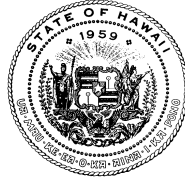


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Testimony COMMENTING on HCR0209 / HR0188
Requesting that the Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging Update the 2013 White Paper on Active Aging and Provide a Final Report On Its Updated Version No Later than the Start of the Regular Session of 2021

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Hearing Date: March 27, 2019
8:30 am

Room Number: 329

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health would like to provide comments on HCR0209 / HR0188.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure is unfunded and is not a part of the Administration's budget
- 4 request. It places unknown funding requirements on the Executive Office on Aging.
- 5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of HCR0209 / HR0188 is for the Executive Office on
- 6 Aging to provide a updated report of the 2013 white paper on Active Aging before the start of
- 7 the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. Active Aging advocates for programs that help older
- 8 adults: 1) avoid disease and disability; 2) promote high cognitive and physical function; and 3)
- 9 maintain active community engagement. While this measure is unfunded, resources are needed
- 10 to update the 2013 Active Aging white paper.

1 **Recommendation:** Funding for updating the 2013 white paper on Active Aging is not a part of
2 the Administration's budget request. We appreciate the intent of this resolution but do not
3 have the resources necessary to complete the request. If resources are provided to support this
4 endeavor, the Executive Office on Aging would be willing to Update the 2013 white paper on
5 Active Aging.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cullen hayashida	Hawaii Change AGEnts	Support	No

Comments:

CULLEN HAYASHIDA IS SUBMITTING THIS ON BEHALF OF CARLEEN MACKAY WHO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE.

March 23, 2019

TO: Chair San Buenaventura and Committee members of the House Committee of Human Services and Homelessness

RE: **HR188/HCR2094 on Active Aging**

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I am Carleen MacKay, a founding member of Hawaii Change AGEnts, a newly formed consortium of active aging experts who, collectively, promote health, wellness and financial accountability as our knowledgeable perspective on behalf of Hawaii's fastest growing economic and societal resource for our communities. It is a time of change that proves the point that we all must be contributors, no matter our age, in order to meet the obvious demands of a future around the very next corner of time.

It is almost past-time for considering the many demands, benefits and challenges of considering alternative ways of addressing aging in Hawaii. If we fail to act, you cannot afford us!

Revising Hawaii's policies and social support system taps the power and potential of older adults to remain active, engaged and continuously contributing to our communities and the next generation.

For that reason, we are strongly recommending the adoption of HR188 (HCR 209).

Thank you for listening.

Carleen MacKay

Nationally recognized workforce expert, author, keynote speaker and founding member of Hawaii Change AGENTS.

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Barbara Yamashita	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Chair and Members of the Human Services Committee

Testimony: HCR 209/ HR188 REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AAGING UPDATE THE 2013 WHITE PAPER ON ACTIVE AGING AND PROVIDE A FINAL REPORT ON TS UPDATED VERSION NO LATER THAN THE START OF THE REGULAR SESSION 2021

My name is Barbara Yamashita testifying as a member of Change AGEnts in support of HR 188/HCR209

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that “population ageing is one of humanity’s greatest challenges.. Global ageing will put increased economic and social demands on all countries.” At the same time, older adults are a precious, often-ignored resource that makes important contributions to our society. Furthermore, the WHO argues, “that countries can afford to get old if governments, international organizations and civil society enact Active Ageing policies and programs that enhance the health, participation and security of older residents. The time to plan and act is now.” That report was written in 1999.

Updating the 2013 Active Ageing White Paper is necessary to ensuring a foundation for much needed planning and policies to address the needs of our older residents. An active ageing approach to policy and program development has the potential to address the many challenges of both individual and population ageing. When health, labor market/employment, education, and social policies support active aging there is the potential for:

- Fewer premature deaths
- Fewer disabilities associated with chronic diseases
- More people enjoying a positive quality of life
- More people participating actively in social, cultural, economic and political aspects of society, in paid and unpaid roles and in domestic, family and community life
- Lower costs related to medical care and services

We believe that a review and update of the white paper along with recommendations based on data, best practices and model initiatives would provide a framework to shift our predominant view of older adults as sick, frail, disabled and dependent to being our fastest growing natural resource and a greatly undervalued asset to our communities. We believe that the Executive Office on Aging and the County Agencies on Aging are the natural leaders to guide this important effort.

Thank you for your consideration