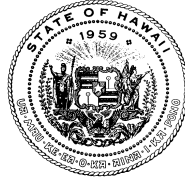


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HCR0087**  
**Urging the Executive Office on Aging to work with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging to Convene a Working Group to Establish an Active Aging Initiative and Active Aging Advisory Committee**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS  
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
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Hearing Date: March 22, 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 HCR0087.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure is unfunded. It places unknown staffing and operating
- 4 outcome requirements on the Executive Office on Aging and the University of Hawaii Center on
- 5 Aging.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of HCR0087 is for the Executive Office on Aging to
- 7 work with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging to establish an Active Aging Initiative and
- 8 an Active Aging Advisory Committee to advocate for programs that help older adults to avoid
- 9 disease and disability, retain high cognitive function, and maintain community engagement. The
- 10 resolution also requires that the Executive Office on Aging submit a status report on establishing
- 11 the Active Aging Initiative and Active Aging Advisory Committee to the Legislature.

1    **Recommendation:** We appreciate the intent of this resolution but do not have the resources  
2    necessary to complete the request. If resources are provided to support this endeavor, the  
3    Executive Office on Aging would be willing to establish and convene an Active Aging  
4    Initiative and an Active Aging Committee with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging.  
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6    Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HCR-87**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cullen hayashida	Hawaii Change AGEnts	Comments	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I am Cullen Hayashida and am here representing Hawaii Change AGEnts, a newly formed consortium advocating the shift of Hawaii's aging agenda from primarily viewing older adults from the frail, sick and dependent perspective to older adults as Hawaii's fastest growing natural resource and as an asset to our communities. We are very appreciative of the Committee's willingness to consider HCR 87 on Active Aging however, we believe that the best vehicle for its development would be HR188 (HCR209).

We are also very much aware that this Resolution does not have any funding attached to assist the Executive Office on Aging to implement its recommendations. Nevertheless, we believe that given the rapid pace of population aging, we cannot continue to afford the status quo which overlooks the value of our pre-retirees, our boomers and active agers. After the preparation of the Executive Office on Aging's 2014 Policy Report on "Hawaii's 2020 Vision: State of Active Aging" and its adoption by its Policy Advisor Board of Elderly Affairs, we think that it is incumbent upon the state to seriously consider alternative ways of addressing aging in Hawaii and to consider the power and potential of the older adults as an inadequately tapped asset. For that reason, we are recommending the use of HR188 (HCR 209) as the preferred measure to adopt.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Cullen T. Hayashida, Ph.D.

Hawaii Change AGEnts