

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 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 believe that given the rapid pace of the aging of Hawaii's people, we cannot continue to afford the status quo which overlooks the value of our pre-retirees, our boomers and active agers.

After the release of the Executive Office on Aging's 2013 Policy Report on "*Hawaii's 2020 Vision: State of Active Aging*" and its adoption by its Policy Advisor Board of Elderly Affairs, we believe that it is incumbent upon the State to seriously consider its recommendation to consider alternative ways of addressing aging in Hawaii. To plan for the next decade and beyond, Hawaii needs to revise its policies and social support system to tap the power and potential of the 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 very much for your consideration,



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Hawaii Change AGENTS

HR-188

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Testimony for HSH on 3/27/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Democrats Committee on Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

March 24, 2019

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

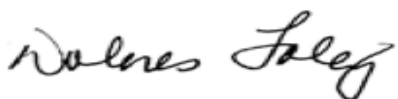
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Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I am Dolores Foley and I am here as a member of the Advisory Committee of Hawaii Change AGENTS, a newly formed consortium advocating the shift of Hawaii's aging agenda to older adults as Hawaii's fastest growing natural resource and as an asset to our communities. In Hawaii we are experiencing the "silver tsunami" where by state projections 1 in 4 Hawaii residents will be at least 60 years old and by 2035 1 in 3. There's need to be more resources directed to understanding what can be done. Many retirees don't know how to contribute after they retire nor are systems in place to help. As a retired professor I am fortunate I have a pension and have always been involved in multiple activities. Others are less fortunate and are lost when they retire or even worse can't afford to live only on social security.

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We are recommending the adoption of HR188 (HCR 209). Thank you very much for your consideration,



Dolores Foley, Ph.D.

Hawaii Change AGENTS

March 25, 2019

TO: Representative Joy A. Buenaventura, Chair
Representative Nadine Nakamura, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

RE: **Testimony in Support of H.R. 188/H.C.R. 209 ACTIVE AGING**

H.R. 188/H.C.R. 209 requests the Executive Office on Aging to update the 2013 white paper *Hawaii's 2020 Vision: The State of Active Aging* to help create a new social policy paradigm. I am in strong support of H.R. 188/H.C.R. 209, Active Aging.

Over past decades, significant attention has focused around the older adult population's frailty, disability, and vulnerability. While there is a segment of the older adult population who face these issues, including the need for long-term care, there are many older adults who live healthy, independent, and active lives. These individuals have a lifetime of talents, skills, and experiences and are contributing members of society.

H.R. 188/H.C.R. 209 provides a mechanism for the creation of a new social policy paradigm on aging. I urge the committee to adopt H.R. 188/H.C.R. 209. Thank you for your consideration.

Shirley Kidani, MPH