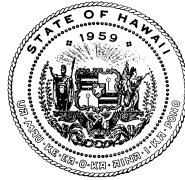


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1023 SD1
Relating to Kupuna Care

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
PSM Manager, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 Room Number: 329
10:00 AM

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 an unspecified amount for SFY2020 and SFY
5 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.

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
17 assistance to perform some of the basic Activities of Daily Living (transferring from bed to chair,
18 moving about in the home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and/or eating) or Instrumental Activities
19 of Daily Living (preparing a meal, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the
20 telephone, managing money, housekeeping, and transportation). Core services include: personal
21 care, 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.

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12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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SB1023sd1, RELATING TO AGING
Hse HSH/HLT Hearing
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 – 10:00 am
Room 329
Position: Support

Chairs San Buenaventura and 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 SB1023sd1 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.

SB-1023-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 4:37:05 PM

Testimony for HSH on 3/20/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura, Honorable Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness, Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health:

I am Gary Simon, member 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 SB 1023 SD 1.

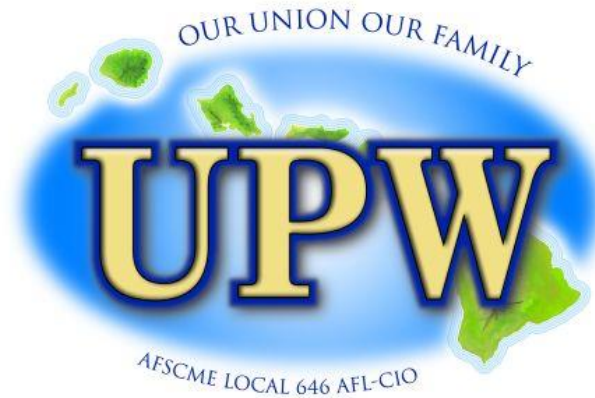
PABEA completely supports funding for Kupuna Care programs in order that our elders in need can receive basic care and services.

We urge you to support SB 1023 SD 1 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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Place of Hearing: Conference Room 329

TESTIMONY ON SB1023, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO AGING

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

SB 1023, SD1 recognizes the problem hundreds of Hawaii families are confronted with in caring for their elderly loved ones. This bill and several others that support Hawaii's elderly are greatly appreciated. SB1023, SD1 provides full funding to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care program for fiscal year 2019-2020 and fiscal year 2020-2021.

The UPW **strongly supports** this measure.

Thank you or the opportunity to submit this testimony.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, 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 SB 1023, SD1, to fully fund Kupuna Care services in the amount of \$9M for each fiscal year, 2020 and 2021.

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, 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.



Testimony in Support by Zonta Club Of Hilo for Kupuna Care and Caregivers and Request for the ADRC Bill be heard at the same time

The **Zonta Club of Hilo supports** the requested appropriation to fund fully Kupuna Care and Kupuna Caregivers without the daily cap in SB 1023, SD 1, and SB1025, SD 1. We request that the Aging and Disability Resource Centers Network bill (SB 1024, SD 1) be set for a hearing at the same time on March 20, 2019. Additionally, we support the Kupuna Caucus-related bills, including the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Coordinator and Research, and Healthy Aging. Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance 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, a "one-stop resource center" for aging and disability services (ADRC), Alzheimer and Dementia Coordinator, and Healthy Aging. 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



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Hawaii State Legislature
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SB 1023 SD 1, Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for Kupuna Care.

Good morning Chairs San Buenaventura and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Nakamura and Kobayashi, and Members of the Committees:

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports SB 1023 SD 1 to provide full funding for Kupuna Care and to require the Executive Office on Aging to adopt Hawaii Administrative Rules 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 & 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. In addition to the 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.

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. The Kupuna Care program will also greatly benefit from having Hawaii Administrative Rules to regulate and guide it so we can continue to successfully deliver services over the next twenty years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rona Yagi Fukumoto
 President and CEO

Lori Lau
 Director, Lanakila Meals on Wheels

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10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329

To: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair; Representative John M. Mizuno,
Chair
RE: Strong Support for SB1023, SD1, Relating to Aging

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 SB1023, SD1, which appropriates \$9,000,000 to Hawaii's Kupuna Care program for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and again 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). This really should be a budget item and part of the base budget in the future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1023, SD1.

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Wednesday, March 20, 2019; 10:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 1023, SD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 1023, 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).

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 1023, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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, March 20, 2019, 10:00 AM

Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Strong Support for SB1023 SD1, Relating to Aging.

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

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP), a 200-unit, city-owned, affordable housing property in Chinatown. I'm also chair of the CGP Tenant Association (CGPTA), organized by CGP 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 for SB1023 SD1**.

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 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 Hawaii's Kupuna Care Program generously, so our seniors in need are assured of receiving basic care. It is unimaginable that we would do less for our kupuna, especially in Hawaii Nei.

We are trusting in you. Please, provide full funding for the Kupuna Care Program. Thank you!

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



Hawaii Women's Coalition

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESS

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Mizuno, Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Conference Room 329

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Mizuno and members,

The Hawaii Women's Coalition is in strong support of this measure that will help women who, after all, are predominant caregivers for their families.

Please pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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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

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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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, 96707

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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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 malls, to restaurants - very important for me as a senior, as I don't drive and transportation for me mentally and physically! Thank you for providing us 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: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I use it to get to my Kupuna group + 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: LUMINADA A. RAMISAL

City & Zip Code: 967 91 Kaneohe ST Wai'anae 967 91

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

otherwise, I will be
homebound

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

Print Name: Helen Ojini

City & Zip Code: Honolulu 96813

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

It provides safe and independent travel for seniors

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

Print Name: Laverne Suga

City & Zip Code: 96819

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

*I need a way to go grocery shopping and
travelling*

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: Kaneohe, HI 96744

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I don't drive very often so funding for Kupuna care is very important.

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

Print Name: Roy Nakahara

City & Zip Code: Wahiawa, HI 96786

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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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 Kunisaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96825

TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 61 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 provides seniors with an avenue to keep active and stay healthier.

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

Print Name: _____

Amy Bratt

Amy Bratt

City & Zip Code: _____

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TO: Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, 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:

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: James Kiria

City & Zip Code: Honolulu 96822

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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 greatly.

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

Re: SB1023 Related to Aging March 20, 2019February 25, 2019 10:00
Rm. 329

Aloha Chairs San Buenaventura and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Nakamura and Kobayashi 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 for Retired Americans and serve on the PABEA Legislative Committee.

I am writing in strong support of SB1023 to ask for full funding for the Kupuna Care program. Since 1999, this program has been successful through allowing Kupuna to remain in their own homes and not be forced into nursing homes, which cost upwards of \$150,000 per year. Kupuna are provided services such as homemaker and chore, Adult Day Care, home-delivered meals and case management. Since nursing home costs are often borne by taxpayers through Medicaid, Kupuna Care is definitely cost-effective.

Please approve SB1023 to provide full funding of Kupuna Care at \$9M. This amount has not increased for at least 5 years, while the number of Kupuna is the fastest growing segment of our society.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW