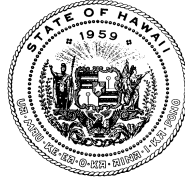


SB 1023

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program.
Companion:	HB465
Package:	Kupuna Caucus
Current Referral:	CPH, WAM
Introducer(s):	IHARA, S. CHANG, ENGLISH, FEVELLA, HARIMOTO, KANUHA, KEITH-AGARAN, J.KEOHOKALOLE, KIM, MORIWAKI, K. RHOADS, RUDERMAN, K. Kahele, Riviere, Shimabukuro

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Testimony COMMENTING on SB1023
Relating to Kupuna Care

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 1, 2019,
9:30 AM

Room Number: 229

- 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 request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds in the amount of \$9,000,000 for
5 SFY2020 and \$9,000,000 for SFY2021 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 maintains a total base budget of \$8,731,368 per
8 year from SFY2020 through SFY2021.
- 9 The Governor's package will include his funding request in the base budget, allowing the Area
10 Agencies on Aging to efficiently plan and continuously procure Kupuna Care services rather

1 than waiting to see if a separate appropriation is approved and released. In addition, the
2 contracted service providers will have continual funding to address workforce capacity issues.
3 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports
4 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's
5 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older
6 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.
7 Kupuna Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified
8 lives, by providing a continuum of home and community based services and supports. Its aim is
9 to allow for aging in place, thus preventing or delaying the need for more expensive and more
10 restrictive levels of care. Funding is critical as the population over age 60 is increasing rapidly.
11 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services namely personal care, homemaker, chore, home
12 delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation,
13 and attendant care. These services support individuals in performing Activities of Daily Living
14 (personal hygiene, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring). In SFY2018, Kupuna Care services
15 was provided to 5,643 individuals. The cost to serve 5,643 was \$8,605,000 or \$1,524 per person
16 per year. Based on the Governor's base budget request, the State could serve an additional 262
17 individuals.

18 **Recommendation:** Kupuna Care is a part of the Administration's base budget request. We
19 support advancing this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
20 with the Administration's base budget. Should there be a surplus of funds available for this
21 measure, we would be very supportive of funding this important initiative.

22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LATE

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 8:43:52 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Stone-Walls	Testifying for Maui County Office on Aging	Support	Yes

Comments:



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCL)

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

RE: SB 1023 Relating to Aging

Aloha mai kakou Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and 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 SB 1023 relating to Aging.**

SB 1023 makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program.

Hawai`i faces a long-term care crisis that prevents too many kupuna and people with disabilities from being able to live with dignity at home or in their communities. The vast majority of kupuna 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 kupuna and people with disability access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensure that all of 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 give kupuna quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, OCCLP supports SB 1023 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

THE SENATE

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Friday, February 1, 2019; 9:30 a.m.

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

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 1023, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for the Kupuna Care Program.

Kupuna Care has been 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 program should be fully funded to address the growing need.

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



CGPTA
Chinatown Gateway Plaza
Tenant Association
Since 2006

To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (CPH)

From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)

Date: Friday, February 1, 2019, 9:30 AM

Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol, 415 Beretania St.

Re: Strong Support for SB1023, Relating to Aging

Aloha e Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee,

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 for SB1023.**

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, 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 right for our kupuna, especially in Hawaii Nei.

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

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

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 4:25:14 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and 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 SB1023.

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

We urge you to support SB 1023 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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SB1023, RELATING TO AGING
Sen CPH Hearing
Friday, February 1, 2019 – 9:30pm
Room 229
Position: Support

Chair Baker, and Members of the Joint CPH 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 SB1023 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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019 (9:30 a.m., Room 229)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, 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, to fully fund Kupuna Care services.

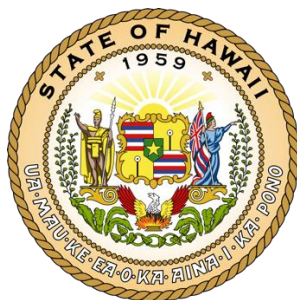
Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation Services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to take their elderly loved 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.





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Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women
Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director

Prepared for the Senate Committees on CPH

In Support of SB1023

Friday, February 1, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women wishes to mahalo you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB1023, which would appropriate funds for the kupuna care program.

More seniors in Hawai'i live past the age of 65 compared to anywhere else in the United States. Women over 65 and older are much more likely to be poor than men, regardless of race, educational background, and marital status. Thus, women face greater financial pressure to rely on friends and family care as they age. The soaring demand for affordable or free caregiving is predominantly met by women, who do not have the basic supports to allow them to take care of their families while they work. The value of the informal care that women in the United States provide ranges from \$148 billion to \$188 billion annually.¹

A care agenda should be funded and normalized into Hawai'i's economic plan. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1023.

Sincerely,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

¹ Family Caregiver Alliance, *Women and Caregiving: Facts and Figures*, 2003, <https://www.caregiver.org/women-and-caregiving-facts-and-figures>.

February 1, 2019

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB1023 RELATING TO HEALTH

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, is in full support of Senate Bill 1023, which provides funding for the Kupuna Care Program.

In Hawaii, there's an estimated 28,000 individuals affected by the disease. According to the results of the Hawaii 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey, about 50% of survey respondents that reported having memory issues stated that their memory problems have created "functional difficulties". About 41% of those surveyed who reported having memory problems stated that due to their memory problems, they gave up day-to-day activities and 28% said that they need assistance with day-to-day activities. More alarming, about 21.5% of those surveyed who had memory problems indicated that they live alone.

Access to the services provided through the Kupuna Care Program will greatly assist individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia by providing them with the support needed to carry out daily life activities such as eating, bathing, toileting, etc. To not provide these basic human needs for individuals with the disease is cruel and inhumane. Therefore, we request your support for this bill.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer our support on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

Sincerely,

Ian Ross
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Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee (CHP)

Rosalyn Baker

Stanley Chang (Vice Chair)

Jarrett Keohokalole

Sharon Moriwaki

Clarence Nishihara

Russell Ruderman

Laura Thielen

Kurt Fevella

Re: SB1023

Hearing: February 1, 2019

9:30 am

Room 229

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania St.

Dear Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker (chairman) and Members of Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I know of many seniors who rely on the important services of the Kupuna Care program. It enables seniors to live in their own homes which they prefer to being institutionalized. Institutionization is much more expensive to seniors who are living on fixed incomes and to the taxpayers who support public assistance programs like Medicaid.

Please pass SB1023 which provides full funding for the Kupuna Care program.

Thank you.

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Sylvia Ching phone no. 523-1798

1611 Miller St., #304

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Brandi Nakamoto
PO BOX 11768
Honolulu, HI 96828

Friday, February 1, 2019

Support for S.B. No. 1023, Relating to Aging

My name is Brandi Nakamoto and I am a graduate student at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I have a passion for the field of gerontology and advocating for Hawaii's aged and aging population. Having interned at the Honolulu C&C Elderly Affairs Division (Sept '16 - April '17) and worked as both a private and family caregiver to elderly individuals, I know the very real and positive impact that the kupuna care program has had on Hawaii's older adults.

Therefore, I am writing in support of S.B. No. 1023. This program is committed to helping our too often overlooked and forgotten kupuna. It can no longer be ignored that older adults (persons aged 60 and over) already comprise a large part of our state's population. Their share is projected to increase to nearly 30% by 2040, and as the number of older adults in our state increases, so will their need and demand for services and care.

In my academic studies, along with personal and professional experiences, I have learned that aging-in-place is undeniably crucial to not just meeting the basic needs of older adults, but their core and holistic needs as well. Older adults have the right to remain in their current homes so as to maintain irreplaceable values of comfort, control, dignity, and independence. With Hawaii's unique challenges of affordable long-term care services, extraordinary housing costs, and longer life expectancies, the kupuna care program provides aid to kupuna and their loved ones in receiving vital services in order meet these unique challenges and age in place.

Despite stronger ohana family networks in Hawaii, our kupuna need more help to age in place and not worry about things that you or I may take for granted in our younger age or financial stability—such as meals, bathing, transportation, or companionship. An increase in age should not be correlated with a decrease in satisfaction or quality of life. I strongly believe that the kupuna care program should be given full funding in order to meet the growing kupuna population and their needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on S.B. No. 1023.

Sincerely,
Brandi V. P. Nakamoto

January 30, 2019

SB1023 – Hearing Date: - February 1, 2019

TO: Honorable Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker and
Vice Chair Senator Stanley Chang

TO: Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Health

RE: SB 1023 - RELATING TO AGING – Kupuna Care Programs

Most Honorable Senator Baker and Honorable Senator Stanley Chang and
members of the Committee:

- I fully support SB 1023 and ask you to vote in favor of this bill.
- Seniors in Hawaii rely upon the Kupuna Care Programs for very basic care services. Many Hawaii seniors live alone and have no family members close by. These services are crucial to their existence.
- **Please give full support for the funding of SB 1023.**

Respectfully submitted,

C. Olah

Honolulu Resident and Citizen

Lourdes Scheibert
920 Ward Ave #6D, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

January 31, 2019

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members Senators: Jarrett Keohokalole, Clarence Nishihara, Russell Ruderman,
Laura Thielen and Kurt Fevella.

Support for SB1023

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Today, life is not the same with families living from pay check to pay check in the hustle to pay rent and buy groceries. The Kupuna Caregivers Program help the families to stay in the workforce while helping, just a little, to aid in taking care of their loved ones with services provided. If you think about it, the Kupuna Caregivers Program is like the plantation days of caring for your Kupuna. Just a little different. We all share a community, neighborhoods and families.

Please fund the Kupuna Caregivers Program because each and everyone of us has a mom and dad. One day we too will be glad that the Kupuna Caregivers Program was supported today and the future.

Thank-you,
Lourdes Scheibert
Condominium Owner

Lourdes Scheibert
920 Ward Ave #6D, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

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Thank-you,
Lourdes Scheibert
Condominium Owner

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/28/2019 8:24:57 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/29/2019 2:47:23 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 12:57:16 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis Nakamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker, and Members of Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I support SB 1023 relating to Kupuna Care. Our Kupuna rely upon the many critical services funded by Kupuna Care, from Adult Day Care to Meals on Wheels to vital personal care, all which enable our Kupuna to remain in their home where they prefer to live rather than in institutions.

Without these invaluable services and programs, the State of Hawaii, our Kupuna and their families would be paying much more in alternative institutional care while enjoying their golden years much less.

Please continue, at the very least, current funding levels to maintain these programs and services for our cherished Kupuna.

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 11:06:38 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Takamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge your support for full funding of the Kupuna Care program which is vital to helping our Kupuna remain safe and healthy.

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 1:57:24 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth G. K. Hoo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support SB1023 for full funding for Kapuna care. So many of our elder residents require assistance to perform necessary daily functions and this bill helps this.

TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection. And Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019
RE: [SB 1023](#), [SD1](#) RELATING TO AGING

LATE

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of [1023](#), Relating to the Kupuna Care Program. My name is Linda Dorset and I am a concerned aging resident living in the Wailuku area.

Our *kupuna* rely upon the many critical services funded by *Kupuna* Care, from Adult Day Care to Meals on Wheels to vital personal care, to transportation assistance, all which enable our *kupuna* to remain in their homes (where they prefer to live) rather than in institutions (where it is more expensive).

Research shows that state support for home- and community-based services can help lower the cost of elder care and preserve the safety net for future generations. According to a recent profile of long-term care and independent living trends by AARP's Public Policy Institute, on average, home-based services like *Kupuna* Care can serve three older people or adults with disabilities for the same amount of money it costs to take care of one resident in a nursing home.

The state's support for home and community based long-term care services is important, because Hawaii's nursing homes are the fifth most expensive in the country. Moreover, our nursing homes have the highest occupancy in the country – leaving precious few beds for people who need care.

Without these invaluable services and programs, the State of Hawaii, our *kupuna* and their families would be paying much more in alternative institutional care while enjoying their golden years much less.

Please continue, at the very least, current funding levels to maintain these programs and services for our cherished *kupuna*.

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**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1023
RELATING TO AGING**

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection and Health

RE: SB 1023 Relating to Aging

**Hearing Date: Friday, February 1, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** of SB 1023 relating to Kupuna Care programs so our seniors in need can receive basic care. My name is Anna Filler and I retired four years ago at the age of 75. I am concerned about those seniors that cannot afford to pay for health care services, or are not eligible for Medicaid, rely on services funded by Kupuna Care.

The Kupuna Care program is a cost effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from being placed in a nursing home and allows them to age in place at home with their loved ones.

I urge you to continue current funding levels for Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB 1023.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anna Filler
Email: afiller@twc.com
Kakaako/Senate District 12

LATE

SB-1023

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 12:04:28 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gil A Penaranda	Testifying for AARP	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in support of continuing funding for SB 1023 relating to Kupuna Care so that vital services such as Adult Day Care, Meals on Wheels and other vital personal care enable our kupunas stay at home (a much less expensive option) instead of staying at a kupuna home care facility (a much more expensive alternative).

LATE

SB-1023

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 5:44:50 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/1/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice Bond	Testifying for AARP	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I support SB 1023 relating to *Kupuna* Care. Our *kupuna* rely upon the many critical services funded by *Kupuna* Care, from Adult Day Care to Meals on Wheels to vital personal care, all which enable our *kupuna* to remain in their homes where they prefer to live rather than in expensive institutions .

Without these invaluable services and programs, the State of Hawaii, our *kupuna* and their families would be paying much more in alternative institutional care while enjoying their golden years much less.

Please continue the current funding levels to maintain these programs and services for our elderly *kupuna*. I am Vice President for Kauai's Elderly Affairs Advisory Council and a member of the Lihue Senior Center so I see first hand the benefits of this program. I have also been an AARP legislative advocate for the CARE bills.

Mahalo so much for your consideration to this bill.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Bond

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019 (9:30 a.m., Room 229)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, 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: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

NO MO CAR
*NO DRIVE

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

* BARRY LUKE
Print Name: VICTOR R. TANIGANAN
* Hon 96825
City & Zip Code: Hon. 96819

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

First of all, I don't drive - have no drivers' license. Catholic Charities transportation service has been really accommodating by helping me get to appointments, etc -

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

Print Name: Jean Sugihara

City & Zip Code: Hon. Hl. 96817

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

Catholic Charities Transp. is very important to me, They take me to Doctor appt's, Shopping from where I live 2x's a month, from Lanakila We have group activity, tours etc, which I would not be able to go on if not for Catholic Charities Transp. It is reasonably, donation, that also helps alot. And they pick me-up at home to bring me to Lanakila Senior Center every time I need to come there.

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

Print Name: Jane Morreira

City & Zip Code: Hon. Hi. 96814

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I want to continue to come to LMPSC for activities and exercises to keep me alert and not go to a hospital or Senior Care home. I also want to give back to my community and CCH bus have make this possible for me.

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

Print Name: Dorothy Mau

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI. 96816

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

If not for the transportation service which provides the van, Senior Citizens will not be able to take classes and get out for exercise and socialization. This service is much needed.
Thank you.

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

Print Name: Lei-Jayne Moy

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI, 96822

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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

I am 75 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 am not able to drive an ^{drive} automobile. (I can only ^{drive} people crazy!)

The Bus/Handi-van and Catholic Charities are my major modes of transportation... Hello Rail!

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

Print Name: Elouise "Puna" Frank

City & Zip Code: Hon. HI. - 96817-2100

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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

I am 102 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:

Excursions from the Lanakila Senior Center require approval through Kupuna Care to ride the CC vans. Riding the van with other LSC members encourages fellowship among the group and fond memories of the experience/activity.

The waiting list for new members exceed a year which prohibits their involvement in these events and discourages the much valuable interaction described above.

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

Print Name: Yukiko Marata

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, 96814

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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 Suganto

City & Zip Code: 96819

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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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: _____

Honolulu

96813

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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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: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

It is necessary for me as a spouse to a person afflicted w/ ALZ to accompany him when he takes advantage of your transportation service. spouse (P. Kectora)

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

Print Name: Siri Tsuda

City & Zip Code: Honolulu 96819