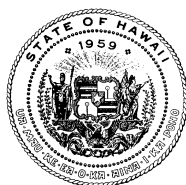


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1024**  
**Relating to Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center**

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SENATOR DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
SENATOR GIL KEITH-AGARAN, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 25, 2019  
10:30 AM

Room Number: 211

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 executive biennium budget.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates \$3,100,000 for the Aging and Disability  
5 Resource Center (ADRC) for SFY 2020 and \$3,100,000 for SFY 2021.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the appropriation is a priority of the Ige  
7 Administration. Governor Ige's budget request proposes \$3,100,000 for EOA's base budget for  
8 the ADRC for SFY2020 and \$3,100,000 for SFY 2021. The ADRC assists individuals and their  
9 families to identify their long term services and support needs based upon a person centered  
10 process, understand their service options which include publicly funded services such as Kupuna  
11 Care and the Kupuna Caregivers, and assists in developing and implementing comprehensive  
12 support plans. These funds will help to sustain the capacity for EOA and the four county based

1 Area Agencies on Aging to operate as a statewide, fully functional ADRC. During SFY 2017, a  
2 total of 35,007 calls were made to the ADRC statewide, a 30% increase in call volume from SFY  
3 2016. The ADRC linked 11,039 older adults to federal and State publicly funded long term  
4 services and supports, a 35% increase over SFY 2016.

5 **Recommendation:** EOA supports \$3,100,000 for SFY 2020 and \$3,100,000 for SFY 2021 in  
6 the base budget for ADRC and humbly requests advancing this measure, provided that its  
7 enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's executive biennium  
8 budget.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-1024**

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 6:07:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2019 10:30:00 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 Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Gary Simon, Chairperson 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 1024.***

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is a core program for home- and community-based support services.

The requested funding of \$3,100,000 will ensure the continuation of these critical services in support of our kākau and their families.

We urge you to support SB 1024, and we urge you to recommend its passage.

We thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

**SB-1024**

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 8:04:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2019 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anne Wheelock	Testifying for AARP	Support	No

Comments:

I am a member of AARP and I support SB 1024.

Mahalos,

Anne Wheelock

Re: SB1024 Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center February 25, 2019 10:00 a.m. Room 211

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran 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 of Retired Americans and serve on the PABEA Legislative Committee.

I'm testifying in strong support of SB1024, making an appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The ADRC's are the one stop shop for individuals to access services so vital to our aged and disabled residents.

The Centers provide information and referral to the families of elderly and disabled persons who are seeking long-term care resources.

Please support full funding of the ADRC's at \$3.1M and ensure that the amount becomes part of the base budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW (ret.)

Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
10:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 211



To: Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,  
RE: Testimony in Support of SB1024.

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 SB1024, which appropriates \$3,100,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and also for 2020-2021 for the aging and disability resource center. We appreciate Senate leadership to fund these services.

Although these appropriations should not need bills to be secure in normal times, we appreciate the challenges this year and are thankful this bill includes a clear appropriation to ensure there will be a functional, statewide aging and disability resource center network to serve as a single entry point for access to public long-term support programs and benefits.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1024.

**LATE**



## **O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCL)**

COMMITTEE WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2019

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 221  
State Capitol

RE: SB 1024 Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Melodie Aduja, Chair of the O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on SB 1024. The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities ("OCCLP") hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 1024, Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.**

SB 1024 appropriates funds to provide full funding for the aging and disability resource center. SB 1024 appropriates out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the aging and disability resource center. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of health.

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 expend the home care workforce, give kupuna and people with disability access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensure that all 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 and people with disabilities quality, affordable long-term care, services, supports, and resources readily available at home and in the community, OCCLP supports SB 1024 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mahalo nui loa  
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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**LATE**

SenateCommittee on Ways and Means  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
10:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 211  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

To: Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,  
RE: Testimony in Support of SB1024 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND  
DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT appropriating funds ARDC. My name is Linda Dorset and I am a concerned aging resident and live in the Wailuku area. I want to once again emphasize the importance of this program. Maui already has this program and it has been very successful. This is where the frail elderly and disabled citizens can turn to get information on available and suitable services when they find themselves helpless and resourceless. Statistics show that the number of these people living in poverty has risen to 25%, the number unable to perform activities of daily living is 31%, and the number at risk for nutritional deficiency is 61%; more funding is needed to keep up.

ARDC also provides prevention and educational programs such as Healthy Aging and exercise programs. These programs are very popular and proven effective to allow the elderly to avoid living in nursing homes often at public expense. The Maui Executive on Aging recently stated to me that the goal of her agency is to help people avoid needing Medicaid.

I appreciate Senate leadership to fund these services for the aging and disabled; and are thankful this bill includes a clear appropriation in the amount \$3,100,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and also for 2020-2021 to ensure there will be a functional statewide aging and disability resource center network to serve as a single-entry point for access to public long-term support programs and benefits.

**LATE**

**SB-1024**

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 10:47:52 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2019 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
adele rugg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Aloha ..**

**I humbly ask that your support funding the ADRC .. they help our kupuna every single day .. they are a life-line for our beloved kupuna ..**

**aloha from ..**

**adele rugg :-}**

February 25, 2019

**LATE**

To : Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

RE: SB1024, Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Center

Hearing: February 25, 2019 – 10:25am, Conference Room 211

**Most Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:**

**Please vote in SUPPORT of SB1024, Aging and Disability Resource Center**

- ✓ **Vote to support the full funding request to continue this successful program for seniors in Hawaii.**

**I am in full support of this bill.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Olah  
Honolulu Resident**