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Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

in **SUPPORT** of
SB1238
**Relating to Establishing the Executive Office on Aging
Administrative Claiming Special Fund**

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

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

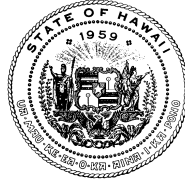
Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB 1238 Relating to Establishing the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund.

The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) supports the establishment of a special fund for administrative claiming in the Executive Office on Aging. This is an excellent example of cross departmental collaboration to optimize additional revenue streams to support and expand greatly needed kupuna programs.

It is our sincere hope that more collaborations, like this, will occur in the future.

Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1238
Relating to Establishing the Executive Office on Aging
Administrative Claiming Special Fund**

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SENATOR DONOVAN M. 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 1, 2019
10:00 am

Room Number: 211

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health **supports** SB 1238 Establishing the Executive Office on Aging Administrative
3 Claiming Special Fund.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to establish a special fund in the
5 Executive Office on Aging into which federal funds the state is eligible to receive can be
6 deposited. EOA will then be able to distribute the funds to the Aging and Disability Resource
7 Center (ADRC) in each county for services to kupuna and individuals with disabilities who need
8 long-term services and supports.

9 The Administration for Community Living (ACL) recommends that states pursue
10 Medicaid administrative claiming of federal matching funds, known as Federal Financial

1 Participation (FFP), in order to provide additional revenue for the ADRCs. This will enable the
2 EOA and the ADRCs to expand services to kupuna and individuals with disabilities. The
3 Administrative Claiming guidance that we received from the ACL identifies the activities that
4 are potentially eligible for Medicaid Administrative Claiming to include: 1) Medicaid outreach;
5 2) referral, coordination and monitoring of Medicaid services; 3) facilitating Medicaid eligibility,
6 and 4) other Medicaid administrative functions such as training, program planning, quality
7 improvement and information technology development.

8 Currently fourteen states use Medicaid administrative claiming funds to support their
9 ADRC activities and thirteen states are in the planning phase to implement Medicaid
10 administrative claiming.

11 EOA is currently in the process of submitting a claim for its share of FFP funds but EOA
12 has no mechanism to receive the FFP funds and redistribute these funds to the county ADRCs.
13 Establishing a special fund would allow EOA to receive the FFP reimbursements and make those
14 moneys available to EOA to distribute to the ADRC for the work they were established to
15 perform pursuant to HRS 349-32.

16 **Fiscal Implications:** It is estimated that the annual FFP claim for EOA and the ADRCs in all
17 four counties would equal \$1.283 million in SFY 2018-19 to \$2.036 million in SFY 2022-23.

18 According to ACL, most states claim between \$500,000 to \$2 million per year.

19 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1238.



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCL)

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PLACE: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

RE: SB 1238 Relating to Establishing the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming
Special Fund

Aloha mai kakou Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

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 1238 relating to Establishing the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund.**

SB 1238 creates the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund to enhance the drawdown of federal funds

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 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 1238 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mahalo nui loa

Me ka `oia`i`o

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Comments: