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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0366 SD2, HD1
Relating to Health

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

Hearing Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 Room Number: 308
2:30pm

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, supports the intent of SB0366 SD2, HD1 provided that its enactment does not reduce
- 3 or replace priorities within the Administration's executive biennium budget.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** SB0366 SD2, HD1 appropriates unspecified funds for the position of
- 5 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator and establishes a new program
- 6 specialist IV within the Executive Office on Aging.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** During the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session, Governor Ige
- 8 signed Act 146. This Act added a new section to the EOA Statute, HRS349 requiring the EOA
- 9 to solicit input from several working groups including families affected by Alzheimer's disease
- 10 and related dementias, members of the medical community, and service providers. Additionally,
- 11 the Act required EOA to prepare an update of the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related
- 12 Dementia (ADRD) "no less frequently than once per fiscal biennium" and provide "information

1 on progress made toward the goals of the state plan in its annual report to the legislature”.

2 Funding for a dedicated full-time staff person is necessary to update the state plan, coordinate

3 Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia services, and meet the long-term goals of the ADRD

4 State Plan. The purpose for the additional program specialist IV position is not specified.

5 **Recommendation:** The EOA fully supports the funding for a dedicated staff position to update

6 the ADRD State Plan and coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer’s disease and

7 related dementia services since it was part of the Administration’s budget request but is not

8 included in HB2, CD1 Relating to the State budget. As for the second program specialist IV

9 position, we support the intent of funding the position provided its enactment does not reduce or

10 replace priorities with the Administration’s budget request.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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| GARY SIMON | Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance:

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 366 SD 2 HD 1.

The position of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Services Coordinator is essential to the effective management and organization of the implementation of the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias among and by state and community agencies.

The position also is vital to preparing the annual State Plan progress report to the Legislature as required by law.

PABEA supports EOA's request for funding for the position in the amounts of \$26,478 for FY 2019 – 2020 and \$52,956 for FY 2020 – 2021.

We urge you to support SB 366 SD 2 HD 1 and EOA's requested funding.

And, we urge you to recommend its passage.

Thank you for seriously considering the bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)



CGPTA
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association
Since 2006

To: Committee on Finance (FIN)

From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)

Date: Friday, March 29, 2019, 2:30 PM

Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Strong Support for SB366 SD2 HD1, Relating to Health.

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on FIN,

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 SB366 SD2 HD1**.

If your family is like mine, then you know Alzheimer's sufferers personally, and you know the sadness of seeing family and community elders gradually incapable of recognizing you. How can we possibly justify not helping?

Please support the existing Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position and a new Program Specialist IV position within the Executive Office on Aging. It is unimaginable that we don't do all we can to support kupuna care and kupuna caregivers in Hawaii Nei.

Please, pass SB366 SD2 HD1. Thank you!

Aloha no,
Steve Lohse
Constituent of Rep. Daniel Holt
Chair, Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)
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**Testimony in Support by Zonta Club Of Hilo for Alzheimer and Dementia
Coordinator and Research SB 366, SD 2, HD 2, HSCR 1521**

The Zonta Club of Hilo supports the requested appropriation to fund fully Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Coordinator, Research, and Report under SB 366, SD 2, HD 2, HSCR 1521. Additionally, we support the Kupuna Caucus-related bills, including the Kupuna Care (SB 1023, SD 1) and Kupuna Caregivers without the daily cap (SB1025, SD 1), Aging and Disability Resource Centers Network bill (SB 1024, SD 1), and Healthy Aging. Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission advances 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, including the Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator and State Alzheimer Disease and related Dementia Services Report, 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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| Dylan P. Armstrong | Oahu County Democrats | Support | No |

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Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308, 2:30 P.M.
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: SB366 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen, and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our **strong support** for the proposed Senate Bill 366 SD2 HD1. This measure appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position and establishes a Program Specialist IV position within the Executive Office on Aging.

The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. That same year, the State of Hawaii recognized the public health crisis of Alzheimer's Disease and developed Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. Unfortunately, while the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position remains unfilled, insufficient progress is being made towards adopting the recommendations and strategies.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 29,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Additionally, since the year 2000, there has been a 294% increase in Alzheimer's deaths in Hawaii. Despite the belief of many, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory deficits may occur as you grow older but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It is usually contributed to some form of dementia. However, the lack of awareness on such, often results in minimal to no reporting of memory issues to one's physician. The lack of reporting these issues often lead to a failure to obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of this chronic disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

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| Jennifer Fernandez | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Thank you,

Jennifer Fernandez

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| Katrina Sudweeks | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I am in **strong support** of Senate Bill 366. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 29,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, making it the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2019, the Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$232 million and is projected to increase by 21.2% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia has increased to \$17,965.

The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position was established six years ago within the executive office on aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. This position is absolutely essential in that it is tasked with the coordination and provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. The appropriation of funds to this position is crucial, as the number of existing cases of Alzheimer's Disease as well as the cost of the disease continually rises, causing a public health crisis.

Please support the passage of SB 366.

Mahalo,

Katrina Sudweeks

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| Patrick Toal | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

March 29, 2019

Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308, 2:30 P.M.
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: SB366 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen, and members of the Committee:

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I appreciate the opportunity too express my strong support of this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

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| Tonya Tullis | Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chap | Support | No |

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| Mary Gadam | Individual | Support | No |

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I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

Mary Gadam

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| Ivy Castellanos | Individual | Support | No |

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RE: SB366 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen, and members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in full support of the proposed Senate Bill 366 SD2 HD1. This measure appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position and establishes a Program Specialist IV position within the Executive Office on Aging.

I am providing testimony as a family caregiver. My grandmother struggled with vascular dementia, and my family and I cared for her at home for 11 years prior to her passing. My husband's grandmother was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and as a family we watched the disease progress relentlessly.

As you may be aware, there are an estimated 29,000 individuals over age 65 who are affected by Alzheimer's here in Hawaii. This number is projected to increase by nearly 21% by the year 2025. Unfortunately, while the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position remains unfilled, insufficient progress is being made towards adopting the recommendations and strategies of the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. We must intervene before it's too late.

Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Ownership and implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. Senate Bill 366 SD2 HD1 offers a next step in terms of fulfilling two key positions that would enable

the implementation of the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carry out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable.

I urge you to pass this bill to help ease the burden placed on individuals and families in our community who are grappling with the complexities of this devastating disease.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and attention to this critically important matter.

Sincerely,
Ivy Castellanos