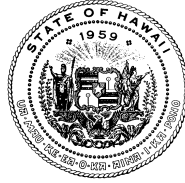


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Testimony COMMENTING on SB0366 SD1
Relating to Health

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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Hearing Date: February 21, 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, would like to provide comments on SB0366 SD1. We support the intent of this
3 measure but recommend amending this measure to reflect the provisions under SB0676 SD1,
4 which "establishes one full time equivalent position within the Executive Office on Aging to
5 coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services
6 and update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia."
- 7 **Fiscal Implications:** SB0366 SD1 appropriates unspecified funds for the position of
8 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator and enables the Executive
9 Office on Aging to contract with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at
10 the University of Hawai'i at Manoa or contract a consultant to update the Alzheimer's disease
11 and related dementia state plan and devise strategies for service coordination.
- 12 **Purpose and Justification:**

1 During the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session, Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to
2 Health. This act added a new section to the EOA Statute, HRS349 requiring the EOA to solicit
3 input from several working groups including families affected by Alzheimer’s disease and
4 related dementias, members of the medical community, and service providers, prepare an update
5 of the State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) “no less frequently
6 than once per fiscal biennium” and provide “information on progress made toward the goals of
7 the state plan in its annual report to the legislature”. Contracting with University of Hawai’i
8 College of Agriculture and Human Resources or to contract a consultant would only fulfill the
9 mandate for the short-term period. Funding for a long-term dedicated full-time staff person is
10 necessary to update the state plan, coordinate Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia services,
11 and meet the long-term goals of the ADRD State Plan.

12 **Recommendation:** Funding for a dedicated staff position to update the ADRD State Plan and
13 coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia services
14 is not a part of the Administration’s budget request. We support advancing this measure
15 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the Administration’s budget
16 request.

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18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Deborah Stone-Walls	Testifying for Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

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Sarah Yuan	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I support the intention of the bill to fund the coordination of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services as it is critically needed, given the increasing number of people affected by this health condition and the rising cost burden to the state. However, it is best to place the coordination responsibility within the Executive Office on Aging through establishing a dedicated staff position for Alzheimer's services. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and provide comment on this bill.



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Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

By
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SB 366 SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 366 SD1 relating to Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) supports the intent of this bill, but recommends that Section 3 be amended as follows:

“SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 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 to ~~contract with the college of tropical agriculture and human resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa or~~ hire a consultant to update the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state plan and devise strategies for service coordination.”

This change still provides the Executive Office of Aging with the opportunity to hire or contract with any entity of their choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

February 21, 2019

Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211
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RE: SB366 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

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

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our **strong support** for Senate Bill 366 Senate Draft 1. This bill appropriates funding for one full-time equivalent Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging and to contract with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawai'i or hire a consultant to update the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan and devise strategies for service coordination.

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. Since the year 2000, there has been a 258% increase in Alzheimer's deaths in Hawaii. Today, more than 28,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. This public health crisis costs \$17,617 per capita to Medicare and an additional \$207 million to Medicaid each year. Hawaii's 66,000 caregivers carry the heaviest burden, providing an estimated \$944,000,000 in unpaid care.

There is an urgent need to address these issues. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take a toll on families and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia. Providing funding for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

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



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