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**Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 366, SD2, Proposed HD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 19, 2019

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health (DOH) defers to the priorities set forth in the  
2 Governor's Executive Biennium Budget request. The bill appropriates out of the general  
3 revenues an unspecified amount for fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 and the same sum thereof as may  
4 be necessary for FY 2020-2021.

5 **Department Testimony:** The DOH offers comments on Senate Bill (S.B.) 366, Senate Draft  
6 SD2, Proposed House Draft (HD) 1 which appropriates funds for the position of Alzheimer's  
7 disease and related dementia services coordinator in the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) and  
8 to establish a new Program Specialist IV position within the Chronic Disease Prevention and  
9 Health Promotion Division (CDPHPD) of the DOH.

10 The EOA is an attached agency to the DOH, and the designated lead agency to  
11 coordinate a statewide system of aging and caregiver support services in the State. During the  
12 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session, Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to Health. This  
13 act added a new section to the EOA Statute, Hawaii Revised Statutes 349 to prepare an update of  
14 the Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD). However,  
15 no funding was appropriated to EOA for a dedicated position to address ADRD and carry out the  
16 mandate. Presently, the CDPHPD does not have an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
17 services specific program, but recognizes it as an important public health issue. The CDPHPD  
18 appreciates the proposed resources to establish a new Program Specialist IV position within the  
19 Division to address Alzheimer's disease, but recommends deleting the position from the DOH  
20 CDPHPD. The placement of the Program Specialist IV in the CDPHPD would have the program

1 encroach upon the current role of the EOA as required pursuant to [Act 146, SLH 2018](#). The  
2 CDPHPD will support the EOA to enhance public awareness and engagement, link the EOA  
3 with community-based resources and health system partners to improve diagnosis, and increase  
4 coordination and collaboration on streamlined data collection and analysis related to Alzheimer’s  
5 disease.

6 Alzheimer’s disease is the most common type of dementia and the sixth leading cause of  
7 death in the United States.<sup>1</sup> Approximately 27,000 Hawaii residents were diagnosed with  
8 Alzheimer’s in 2010; a greater number are estimated to meet the diagnostic criteria, but not  
9 actually be diagnosed. Age is the most important risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease. Given the  
10 size of Hawaii’s population over 65, the prevalence of Alzheimer’s is expected to rise even  
11 more, along with associated costs for treatment, medications, nursing home care, and caregiver  
12 support resources.<sup>2</sup>

13 Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

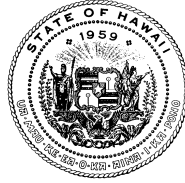
14 **Offered amendment:** The Department recommends deleting the establishment of a full-time  
15 equivalent (1.0 FTE) Program Specialist IV in CDPHPD as proposed in this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> 2018 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures, 2018. Available at  
<https://www.alz.org/media/HomeOffice/Facts%20and%20Figures/facts-and-figures.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias. Available at  
[https://www.hawaiidrc.org/Portals/\\_AgencySite/docs/ADRD\\_rev.pdf](https://www.hawaiidrc.org/Portals/_AgencySite/docs/ADRD_rev.pdf).

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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB0366, SD2, Proposed HD1  
Relating to Health**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR  
REPRESENTATIVE BERTRAND KOBAYASHI, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: March 19, 2019  
10:00 am

Room Number: 329

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, SD2, Proposed HD1.

3 In 2013, Act 214 established within EOA an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
4 services coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and  
5 related dementia services. \$70,000 was appropriated to establish and fill this position, however,  
6 due to erroneous bill language, it required the position to be appointed by the Director of EOA  
7 and follow civil service law. An appointed position cannot be a civil service position thus the  
8 Act was flawed. EOA used the funds to hire a contractor to develop the State Plan on  
9 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

10 During the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session, Governor Ige signed Act 146 which  
11 added a new section to the EOA Statute, HRS 349 designating EOA with the responsibility of  
12 coordinating and implementing the state plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia

1 (ADRD), however, no funds were appropriated to accomplish this mandate. We support the  
2 intent of this measure regarding Section 2 to appropriate funds for the position of Alzheimer's  
3 disease and related dementia services coordinator within the executive office on aging.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates unspecified funds for SFY20 and SFY21 to  
5 fund two dedicated staff positions to coordinate and implement the state plan on ADRD services.  
6 One dedicated staff position would be for the EOA and the other additional staff position would  
7 be Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division. EOA supports the funding for  
8 the staff position within EOA.

9 **Purpose and Justification:** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the  
10 United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase to 35,000 by the  
11 year 2025. In addition, an estimated 66,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide 74,000,000  
12 hours of unpaid care each year. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and*  
13 *Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the multifaceted issues in dealing with the  
14 disease, the services and activities needed requires leadership and coordination at a systemic  
15 level. Resources are needed to facilitate and coordinate the collaborative activities to implement  
16 and update the 2013 ADRD state plan, which has not been updated.

17 **Recommendation:** Funding for a dedicated staff position within the Executive Office on Aging  
18 to update the ADRD State Plan and coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's  
19 disease and related dementia services is not a part of the Administration's budget request. We  
20 support advancing this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities  
21 with the Administration's budget request.

22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-366-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 4:21:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/19/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health:

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.***

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 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)

**Testimony in Support by Zonta Club Of Hilo for Alzheimer and Dementia  
Coordinator and Research SB 366, SD 2**

**The Zonta Club of Hilo supports** the requested appropriation to fund fully Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Coordinator and Research under SB 366, SD 2. be set for a hearing at the same time on March 20, 2019. 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 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



**CGPTA**  
**Chinatown Gateway Plaza**  
**Tenant Association**  
**Since 2006**

**To: Committee on Health (HLT)**  
**From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)**  
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 10:00 AM  
Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street  
**Re: Strong Support for SB366 SD2 HD1, Relating to Health.**

Aloha e Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and HLT Members,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP) and 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 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator 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, Chair  
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)  
[CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com](mailto:CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com)



March 19, 2019

Honorable Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
House Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: SB366 Proposed HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH**

Dear Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi, 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 HD1 for Senate Bill 366. This amended draft appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging and establishes a Program Specialist IV position within the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of the Department of Health.

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.

Programs under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division utilize public health strategies including: strategic partnership development and community linkages; awareness and education; surveillance; evidence-based best practices; evaluation; and promoting health equity. For this reason, I believe it is important to establish Program Specialist IV



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position within the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division that addresses Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

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

Sincerely,

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Public Policy and Advocacy Manager  
[iaross@alz.org](mailto:iaross@alz.org)  
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**SB-366-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2019 7:18:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/19/2019 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Nancy Rose          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Dear Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi, and committee members :

I am in strong support of Senate Bill 366 SD2. I watched my father decline over 10 (plus) years into dementia, so I have a very personal interest in this. 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 SD2.

Mahalo,

Nancy Rose

**SB-366-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 7:50:58 AM

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| Mary Gadam          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-366-SD-2**

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| Elaine Aotaki       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-366-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 10:18:29 AM

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| Andrea Quinn        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-366-SD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Lorraine Leslie     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

“Dear Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi, and committee members :

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Please support the passage of SB 366 SD2.

**LATE**

To: Committee on Health  
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.

Re: **SB 366, SD2, HD1 Proposed – RELATING TO HEALTH  
Testimony in Strong Support**

Chair Mizuno and Committee Members:

I **strongly support** SB 366, SD2, HD1 Proposed.

Families rarely talk about how Alzheimer's disease is impacting them. But I am compelled to provide this testimony in memory of my father and on behalf of the literally thousands of individuals and unpaid family caregivers that are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

My family has personally experienced the devastating impact of Alzheimer's Disease. My late father passed away from the disease. Caregiving at home involved myself, my mother, my wife, my son, and my daughter. We personally saw how the disease robbed my father of his ability to control his emotions; behavior; mobility; bodily functions, and ultimately his ability to speak and show his love and appreciation to my mother. He passed away one week short of my parent's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

We are just one family. With similar, but uniquely different situations are the 28,000 Hawaii residents living with Alzheimer's Disease and 66,000 unpaid family caregivers helping their loved ones with the Disease. This makes almost 100,000 Hawaii residents impacted by the Disease right now, that are largely dealing with the Disease on their own.

The State recognized in 2013 the public health crisis of Alzheimer's Disease. A State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias was developed. Unfortunately the Plan has NOT been implemented and is sitting on the shelf.

This bill would appropriate funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position. This bill additionally establishes and appropriates funds for a new program specialist IV position within the chronic disease prevention and health promotion division. My hope is that with these positions the recommendations of the State Plan can be turned into actual policies that are carried out. Hawaii families are living every day the nightmare of this disease. We need to help them now.

I urge you to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Steve Tam  
Hawaii Kai



**From:** [Rebecca halloran](#)  
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Dear Chair John Mizuno, and committee members :

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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,  
Rebecca halloran

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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,  
Tonya Tullis

**LATE**

**From:** [Jennifer Fernandez](#)  
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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,  
Jennifer Fernandez

**LATE**



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**To: Committee on Health (HLT)**  
**From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)**  
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 10:00 AM  
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**Please, pass SB366 SD2 HD1. Thank you!**

Aloha no,  
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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,  
Rosalie Char

The Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019

**LATE**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Health

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Tuesday, March 19, 2019; 10:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 366, PROPOSED HD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 366, proposed HD1, which appropriates funds for an already-established Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging and for a new Program Specialist IV position within the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of the Department of Health.

A 2013 state plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia called for a coordinator to assist the State with this growing and inevitable problem, but funding has yet to be provided. The fact is one coordinator is not enough, considering the scope and magnitude of the problem. However, one coordinator will be a good start.

Alzheimer's Disease and dementia are extremely costly. The cost of care for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia are astronomical in terms of dollars as well as emotional and physical costs for family caregivers. Hundreds of thousands of hours are spent each day by family caregivers, resulting in the likelihood of diminished economic security for their own retirement. And, as the number of patients with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia continues to grow, the likelihood of Medicaid dollars, half of which is funded by the State, being required to pay for such care will grow exponentially.

We strongly believe that the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia coordinator position in the Executive Office on Aging must be funded. If the Legislature chooses to also fund a new Program Specialist IV position within the Department of Health, we are fairly confident that the position will be used wisely to address the chronic disease and health promotion needs of the State.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 366, proposed HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this measure.

**From:** [Lynn Robinson-Onderko](#)  
**To:** [HLTtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB366 SD2 Testimony  
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**LATE**

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Please support the passage of SB366 SD2.

Mahalo,  
Lynn Robinson-Onderko

**From:** [Roy chang](#)  
**To:** [HLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB366 SD2 Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2019 6:10:10 PM

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Dear Chair John Mizuno, and committee members :

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Roy chang



**LATE**

**From:** [Shanna Gardner](#)  
**To:** [HLTestimony](#)  
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Shanna Gardner

**From:** [Javier Mendez](#)  
**To:** [HLTtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB366 SD2 Testimony  
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**LATE**

**From:** [Ivy Castellanos](#)  
**To:** [HLTtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB366 SD2 Testimony  
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As a professional who cares for the kupuna in our community and as one of the 66,000 caregivers in this state caring for one of the 29, 000 person's with the disease I have witnessed the impact of this disease on those with the disease, caregivers, our kupuna and community. We are in need of kokua and our kupuna deserve our attention and a response to this crisis. It is time to act and I hope that each of you will do just that.

Please support the passage of SB 366 SD2.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Poki'i Balaz', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Poki'i Balaz