

SCR97 / SR77

Measure Title: DECLARING NOVEMBER AS "ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH" AND JUNE AS "ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

Report Title: Alzheimer's Disease; Designated Month

Description:

Companion: [HR191](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): BAKER

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR0097 / SR0075
DECLARING NOVEMBER AS “ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS MONTH” AND JUNE AS
“ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Hearing Date: March 21, 2019
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Room Number: 229

1 **EOA’s Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health, supports SCR0097 / SR 0075. Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth leading cause of death
3 in the United States and it affects about 27,000 residents in Hawaii, a number that will increase
4 by more than 40% by the year 2025. While there is no cure for Alzheimer’s disease and other
5 forms of dementia, increased public awareness and an early and accurate diagnosis of
6 Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia may reduce the costs of care for persons living
7 with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

8 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

9 **Recommendation:** We strongly support advancing this measure.

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11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.