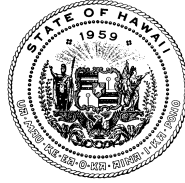


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 1871  
Relating to Long Term Care**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS  
REP. JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
REP. NADINE NAKAMURA, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: January 31, 2020  
8:30 AM

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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, is providing comments for HB 1871 Relating to Long Term Care.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill appropriates \$\_\_\_ funds to EOA to: 1) assess the progress made
- 4 toward attaining the policy goals identified by the long term care commission in 2008; 2)
- 5 formulate recommendations to further work toward meeting the policy goals; and 3) submit a
- 6 report of findings and recommendations to the 2022 Legislature.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** Act 224 passed in 2008, created a long-term care commission to
- 8 conduct a comprehensive assessment of Hawaii's long-term care system and recommend
- 9 changes. At that time, the population of older adults 85 years and older who have the greatest
- 10 need for long-term care, was projected to increase by two thirds. The report stated "*There is no*
- 11 *way to provide services for this population without additional sources of financing; it is*
- 12 *impossible to serve two-thirds more people within the same level of government spending. Either*

1 *government will need to spend substantially more for long-term care or other sources of*  
2 *financing will need to be found".* An assessment of Hawaii's current long-term care system and  
3 review of other program models or other sources of financing that have been established in  
4 Hawaii and in other states since 2008 would be helpful information to have for EOA to move  
5 forward in addressing long-term care issues in our state.  
6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-1871**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carmie Spellman	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony and Comments in Support of HB 1871  
Relating to Long Term Care

Aloha Chair Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Rep. Nadine K. Nakamura and  
Members of the Committee

My name is Anna Filler, and I am writing to express my support of HB 1871, relating to Long  
Term Care. This bill requires the executive office on Aging to report the assessment of progress  
toward reported goals and state recommendations and appropriate funds for one fiscal year to the  
executive office on Aging. There are other important bills that improve lives of Hawaii's kupuna  
and their families.

Thank you for considering my testimony for HB 1871.

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To: Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Chair  
Re: HB 1871 Relating to Long Term Care

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Nakamura, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with nearly 145,000 members in Hawai'i. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawai'i families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawai'i **supports HB 1871**. This bill requires the Executive Office on Aging to assess progress made toward the identified policy goals of the Long Term Care Commission and establish further recommendations going toward the goal.

In 2012, the Long Term Care Commission put forth a comprehensive report which entailed a thorough assessment of Hawaii's long term services and support system (LTSS), and recommendations for the system's reform to improve the quality of services, access to care and affordability.

This bill recognizes the Commission's hard work and ensures that progress is being made to improve Hawaii's system of care. The older population in Hawaii continues to grow, and the need for high quality long term care services and support is not going to lesson.

As the landscape of LTSS continues to evolve, it is imperative to continually revisit the LTSS system in Hawaii to see how far we have come, how far we have not, and where do we need to go.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support HB 1871.

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**RE: HB1871 RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.**

Dear Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nadine K. Nakamura, and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am writing to extend our **support with comments** for House Bill 1871. This measure requires the Executive Office on Aging to report the assessment of progress towards the identified policy goals of the Hawaii Long-Term Care Commission and appropriates funds for one fiscal year to the Executive Office on Aging.

While the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter supports reviewing assessing progress towards the progress made towards the policy goals identified by the Long-Term Care Commission, we believe that it is more appropriate to fund a new study on the feasibility of implementing long-term care reform.

Following the release of the Commission's 2012 final report, Lawrence H. Nitz, Ph.D began his work on *The Feasibility of a Long-Term Services and Supports Social Insurance Program for Hawaii* pursuant to a contract with the University of Hawaii Research Corporation along with The State of Hawaii, Department of Health, and Executive Office on Aging. Published in 2014, this study provides an in-depth examination of the considerations surrounding a public long-term care insurance program in Hawaii. While Hawaii has considered similar proposals, in 2019 Washington became the first state to implement a public state-operated long-term care insurance program.

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide support with comments on this legislation.

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**Jon Davidann**  
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Dear Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nadine K. Nakamura, and members of the Committee:

**Deanna Espinas**  
Secretary

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Acting Executive  
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