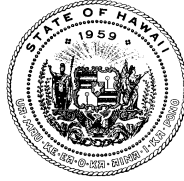


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1023
Relating to Aging

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SENATOR DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATOR GIL KEITH-AGARAN, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 25, 2019
10:25 AM

Room Number: 211

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health supports this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
3 within the Administration's base budget request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds in the amount of \$9,000,000 for
5 SFY2020 and \$9,000,000 for SFY2021 for the Kupuna Care program.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the appropriation in this bill is a priority of the Ige
7 Administration. Governor Ige's budget request maintains a total base budget of \$8,731,368 per
8 year from SFY2020 through SFY2021.
- 9 The Governor's package will include his funding request in the base budget, allowing the Area
10 Agencies on Aging to efficiently plan and continuously procure Kupuna Care services rather
11 than waiting to see if a separate appropriation is approved and released. In addition, the
12 contracted service providers will have continual funding to address workforce capacity issues.

1 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports
2 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's
3 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older
4 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.

5 Kupuna Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified
6 lives, by providing a continuum of home and community based services and supports. Its aim is
7 to allow for aging in place, thus preventing or delaying the need for more expensive and more
8 restrictive levels of care. Funding is critical as the population over age 60 is increasing rapidly.

9 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services namely personal care, homemaker, chore, home
10 delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation,
11 and attendant care. These services support individuals in performing Activities of Daily Living
12 (personal hygiene, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring). In SFY2018, Kupuna Care services
13 was provided to 5,643 individuals. The cost to serve 5,643 was \$8,605,000 or \$1,524 per person
14 per year. Based on the Governor's base budget request, the State could serve an additional 262
15 individuals.

16 **Recommendation:** Kupuna Care is a part of the Administration's base budget request. We
17 support advancing this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
18 with the Administration's base budget. Should there be a surplus of funds available for this
19 measure, we would be very supportive of funding this important initiative.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities

COMMITTEE WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2019

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 221
State Capitol

RE: SB 1023 Relating to Aging

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Melodie Aduja, Chair of the O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on SB 1023. The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities ("OCCLP") hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 1023, relating to Aging.**

SB 1023 makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program.

Hawai`i faces a long-term care crisis that prevents too many kupuna and people with disabilities from being able to live with dignity at home or in their communities. The vast majority of kupuna who are aging or living with a disability want to do so at home, but face challenges finding and affording the support they need to do so. Programs that emphasize independence rather than institutionalization must be better structured to support them. DPH will take steps to strengthen and expand the home care workforce, give kupuna and people with disability access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensure that all of these resources are readily available at home or in the community. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 12, ln. 44-50.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., to give kupuna quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, OCCLP supports SB 1023 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ *Melodie Aduja*

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2019 (10:25 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 1023, Relating to Aging**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

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CCH supports SB 1023, to fully fund Kupuna Care services.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation Services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to take their elderly loved ones to medical and benefit appointments, do grocery shopping, pick up medications, and more.

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 1023. For more information or questions, please feel free to email Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org or call her via phone at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.





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Conference Room 211

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

From: Paige Heckathorn Choy
Director of Government Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
SB 1023, Relating to Aging

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

We would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** SB 1023, which provides appropriations for the Kupuna Care program. Strong funding for home- and community-based services will be very important as the population of Hawaii ages. Since 1999, this important program has helped seniors and their families access integral services, such as personal care, home delivered meals and attendant care. The availability of these resources for the past years has been essential to ensuring that kupuna in Hawaii are able to access the care they need to live more fully and independently, and support working families. This funding is also critical to our entire continuum of care, making sure that patients receive appropriate in the home- and community-based setting.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



State of Hawaii Senate Committee on Ways and Means
The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Legislature
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Room 211

SB 1023, Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for Kupuna Care.

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

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports SB 1023 to provide full funding for Kupuna Care and offers comments to require the Executive Office on Aging to adopt Hawaii Administrative Rules to ensure some of Hawaii's most vulnerable kupuna have access to services that allow them to age in place. Lanakila Pacific's Lanakila Meals on Wheels Program is Hawaii's largest and only island-wide home delivered meal provider for homebound kupuna and other individuals with disabilities. We have witnessed first-hand the increased need for resources to serve Hawaii's rapidly growing kupuna community.

Home delivered meals funded through Kupuna Care are provided to kupuna who have been in-home assessed and deemed eligible by the City & Counties. Many of these kupuna report they do not have access to other sources of healthy and nutritious food beyond what Lanakila Meals on Wheels delivers to them. When we deliver the meals, we often see kupuna living all alone, with empty pantries and refrigerators. In a 2018 survey, 99.2% of the kupuna responded the meals are important to them and help them feel more secure. In addition to the meal, the staff or volunteers may be the only person the kupuna will spend time with that day. The friendly visits and wellness checks contribute to kupuna being able age in place for as long as they can and avoid costly institutionalization. In the same 2018 survey, 97.5% of the kupuna responded the meals help them be independent and continue living at home. Kupuna aging in place results in savings in Medicare spending and is also the preference of the majority of the kupuna we serve.

Kupuna Care has been a lifeline in Hawaii since 1999, and now, more than ever, needs to be fully supported in the base budget to ensure it can continue to serve kupuna who depend on it. The Kupuna Care program will also greatly benefit from having Hawaii Administrative Rules to regulate and guide it so we can continue to successfully deliver services.

Thank you for recognizing the needs of older Americans in the State of Hawaii by voting in favor of fully funding and amending to establish Hawaii Administrative Rules for Kupuna Care.

Respectfully submitted,


Rona Yagi Fukumoto
President & CEO, Lanakila Pacific


Lori Lau
Director, Lanakila Meals on Wheels

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To: Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)
From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019, 10:25 AM
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Strong Support for SB1023, Relating to Aging

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

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 SB1023.**

We have a number of kupuna in our affordable housing population. I'm pushing 70, myself. Over the years, I have watched many of my friends and neighbors grow feeble, possibly start to wander, and eventually be moved on from CGP. I always think, sooner or later, there I go, too. In fact, sooner or later, there we all go.

What kind of care will we move on to? Please, fund Hawaii's Kupuna Care Program generously, so our seniors in need are assured of receiving basic care. It is unimaginable that we would do less for our kupuna, especially in Hawaii Nei.

We are trusting in you. Please, fund Kupuna Care. Thank you!

Aloha no,
Steve Lohse, Chair
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Committee on Ways and Means
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To: Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,
RE: Testimony in Support of SB1023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jessica Wooley and I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership-based organization of people age fifty and over with about 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii 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 Hawaii strongly supports SB1023, which appropriates \$9,000,000 to Hawaii's Kupuna Care program for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and again for 2020-2021, to provide services to frail, vulnerable and older adults who lack access to comparable services (e.g., adult day care, assisted transportation, attendant care, house-keeping/homemaker, respite and home-delivered meals).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1023.

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

RE: SB 1023, Relating to Aging

FROM: Mariah Maniulit, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work Student

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2019 (10:25 a.m., Room 211)

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

My name is Mariah Maniulit and I am currently a student at University of Hawai'i's School of Social Work. Today, I declare this testimony in support of SB1023, Relating to Aging.

Throughout our baccalaureate studies, we are learning about the direct rise in our Kupuna, or elderly, population as the Baby Boomers (those born in 1946 - 1964) are going into retirement age. We have also learned about how this specific population is at risk for poor healthcare, a lack of activities-of-daily living support, and an overall underwhelming comfortable senior care at their own homes; forcing senior care to be institutionalized even it is not in the best interest of the elderly individual. According to the Kupuna Care website (<https://www.elderlyaffairs.com/>), their services are at maximum capacity and are waiting for more funding to service the high demand of care. By allotting the \$9,000,000 budget for Kupuna Care, more individuals will receive the opportunities for housing assistance, adult day care, nursing assistance, transportation, home delivered nutritional meals, and so much more.

I am testifying as a Social Work student who aspires to work with our kupuna and be an advocate for their care, as well as a daughter of two baby boomers, who are starting to plan for after their retirement.

Thank you for taking action in supporting our kupuna through the development of this bill.

Very Respectfully,
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Re: SB1023 Related to Aging February 25, 2019 10:00 Rm. 211

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and committee members

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans and serve on the PABEA Legislative Committee.

I am writing in strong support of SB1023 to fully fund the Kupuna Care program. Since 1999, this program has been successful through allowing Kupuna to remain in their own homes and not be forced into nursing homes, which cost upwards of \$150,000 per year. Kupuna are provided services such as homemaker and chore, Adult Day Care, home-delivered meals and case management. Since nursing home costs are often borne by taxpayers through Medicaid, Kupuna Care is definitely cost-effective.

Please approve SB1023 to provide full funding of Kupuna Care at \$9M. This amount has not increased for at least 5 years, while the number of Kupuna is the fastest growing segment of our society.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW