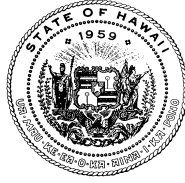


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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2102 SD1
Relating to the Executive Office on Aging**

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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, provides comments on SB2102 SD1.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure is included in the Governor's budget.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to amend Section 4 of Act 127 to insert
- 5 "one permanent full time equivalent (1.0 FTE)". EOA appreciates the intent of this bill.
- 6 However, the language to include the "one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)" is in the Governor's
- 7 budget request.
- 8 **Recommendation:** If this measure moves forward, EOA suggests including language
- 9 recommended by our deputy attorney general on line 7 to read "2020 – 2021 to establish, hire
- 10 and fill one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)".
- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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RE: SB2102 SD1 RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING

Dear Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. 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 2102 Senate Draft 1. This measure amends Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging. This important legislation corrects a small error in the Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 to enable the release of funding for this critically important position.

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, there has been a 294% increase in Alzheimer's deaths in Hawaii since the year 2000. This position would help Hawaii to become dementia capable by coordinating efforts to adopt the recommendations and strategies of Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias.

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

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Comments:

I support this.

Mark Koppel