



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 3123, RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: Friday, February 7, 2020

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Andrea J. Armitage, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General opposes this bill.

The bill requires the Department of the Attorney General, with the cooperation of the county police departments, local broadcasters, and other state and county agencies, to develop and implement a statewide "Silver Alert" program for missing senior citizens. To the extent possible it is to be integrated with the MAILE AMBER Alert program for missing children.

We oppose this bill for several reasons.

First, the proposed Silver Alert program does not appear to be necessary because current response systems are reported to be highly successful. In 2019 all seniors reported missing on Maui and the Big Island were located in a timely manner. We do not have confirmed Kauai information to share. In Honolulu, there were 112 senior citizens reported missing. Of the 112, 111 were located by the Honolulu Police Department, with six missing seniors having passed due to natural causes or suicide prior to a missing person case being reported. One person was never found despite an intensive public and private search over a period of days. Generally, the county police departments consider themselves to have adequate resources to address missing persons cases involving senior citizens. The local broadcast media has also been very cooperative with law enforcement in publicizing information about missing seniors when necessary.

Second, unlike children, whose parents can waive confidentiality, senior citizens continue to have privacy rights that are required to be respected. The criteria for posting a Silver Alert are too broad and vague and may violate a senior's privacy rights. For example:

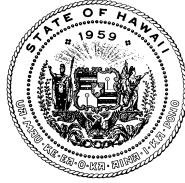
- a. Page 2, lines 6-9, of the bill requires that the reporters of the missing person prove that they have a "reasonable suspicion that the senior citizen has an impaired mental condition." "Impaired mental condition" is not defined and could be interpreted very broadly.
- b. The impaired mental condition must be documented by "the family, legal guardian, or physician of the missing senior citizen." Page 2, lines 8-9. The term "family" is not defined. It could be interpreted very broadly. Furthermore, a physician may not be able to disclose the senior citizen's medical information due to federal and state privacy laws.
- c. As written, the proposed Silver Alert could also hamper a senior's reasonable and reasoned desire to travel.

Third, adding a Silver Alert to the MAILE AMBER Alert program would unduly tax the police departments, city, counties, state, and private resources. Furthermore, with repeated alerts, the public becomes de-sensitized, and we risk losing the public's cooperation when we have a genuine MAILE AMBER alert or life threatening senior citizen missing person incident.

Finally, the Missing Child Center-Hawaii (MCCH) staff are not trained to assist in missing adult cases. Hawaii's MAILE AMBER Alert program addresses those few cases where a child is abducted and there is an urgency to locate and recover the endangered missing child, before the child is seriously harmed or killed. Since its inception in 2005, the MAILE AMBER Alert has only been used once in Hawaii.

We respectfully ask the Committees to hold this bill.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3123
Relating to Missing Persons**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
SENATOR RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, CHAIR
SENATOR KARL RHOADS, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 7, 2020
3:00 PM

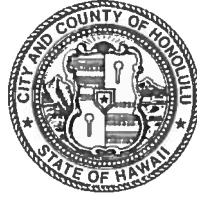
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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, supports the intent of this measure and would like to provide comments on SB3123
- 3 Relating to Missing Persons.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure is unfunded and there is no direct fiscal implication to the
- 5 Executive Office on Aging as a result of this measure.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure develops and implements a statewide silver alert
- 7 program to be activated on behalf of a missing older adult who is sixty-five years of age or older.
- 8 Older adults with conditions such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, traumatic brain injury may be very
- 9 vulnerable when they become disoriented, confused, and wander to unfamiliar and dangerous
- 10 surroundings. Similar to the Hawaii State Maile/Amber Alert system, the Silver Alert program
- 11 will include all appropriate information provided by the respective county's police department,
- 12 information that may lead to the safe recovery of the missing older adult, and a statement

- 1 instructing any person with information related to the missing older adult to contact the local
- 2 county police department.
- 3 **Recommendation:** The EOA supports the intent of this measure.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 7, 2020

The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
and Members
Committee on Human Services
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ruderman and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 3123, Relating to Missing Persons

I am Randall Platt, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 3123, Relating to Missing Persons.

In 2019, the HPD responded to 112 incidents in which senior citizens (65 years or older) were reported missing. Of those, 111 persons were located; 6 had died due to natural causes or suicide prior to the case being made. The current response protocol used by the Missing Persons Detail, which includes CrimeStoppers, media notification, and the use of our Specialized Services Division, has proven to be effective in finding our missing senior citizens.

This bill proposes the development and implementation of a statewide "Silver Alert" program to be integrated with the current Minor Abducted in Life-Threatening Emergency and America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response (MAILE AMBER) Alert program. This would involve activating the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for every Silver Alert. All four counties would need to agree to add the Silver Alert program to the EAS MAILE AMBER Alert response and commit resources to it.

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For the Honolulu county, the MAILE AMBER Alert program calls for an “all out” deployment of police resources, which involves the patrol districts and their Crime Reduction Units, as well as personnel from our Criminal Investigation Division, Specialized Services Division, Scientific Investigation Section, and other elements. Other city and state agencies, private media, and communication providers would be involved, creating a large public awareness and canvassing situation. Virtually every missing senior citizen would meet the Silver Alert criteria and to trigger this type of full-scale response twice a week would unduly tax the HPD, City, State, and private resources. Furthermore, with repeated alerts, the public becomes desensitized, and we risk losing the public’s cooperation when we have a genuine MAILE AMBER Alert or life-threatening senior citizen missing person incident.

The HPD urges you to oppose Senate Bill No. 3132, Relating to Missing Persons.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Randall Platt, Captain
Criminal Investigation Division

APPROVED:



Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 5:04:25 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Kitchens	Testifying for Stolen Stuff Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair & Committee Members,

As the administrator of Stolen Stuff Hawaii, I support SB3123. We deal with missing persons often and the heartache felt from the loss of our elderly is a trying one. Milton Ishi has been posted many times within our group and many of our members have done their best to find him. In addition, for the past 5 years, we have dealt with missing elderly on a routine basis. An alert system would go very far in helping to find our missing elderly as quickly as possible.

Therefore, I support SB3123.

Mahalo,

Michael J. Kitchens
Creator & Administrator
Stolen Stuff Hawaii



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THE SENATE
Committee on Human Services
Friday, February 7, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016

To: Senator Russell Ruderman, Chair

Re: S.B. 3123 Relating to Missing Person

Dear Chair Russell Ruderman, Vice-Chair Rhoads, 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.

S.B.3123 develops and implements a statewide silver alert program to be activated on behalf of a missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition in the appropriate county. To the greatest extent possible, the silver alert program shall be integrated with the minor abducted in the life-threatening emergency/America's broadcast emergency response (Maile/Amber alert) program.

AARP strongly supports S.B. 3123.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, there are approximately 29,000 Hawaii residents 65 years and older, who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's and related dementia. These estimates do not reflect people who are undiagnosed, or those with early onset who are under age 65. It is projected that this figure would increase to 35,000 people by year 2025.

Many individuals with dementia live at home with their families. There is always a risk that they can wander away and get lost in the community. This places tremendous stress and challenges on the family and authorities to search for a loved one who can be anywhere. Having a silver alert system on a missing kūpuna expands the scope of the search by enlisting the public's help to bring them home safely to their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B.3123.



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February 7, 2020

Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman
Senate Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016, 3:00 P.M.
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB3123 RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS.

Dear Chair Ruderman and members of the Committee:

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter **supports** Senate Bill 3123. This measure creates and implements a silver alert program to alert the public of any missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition, which, to the greatest extent possible, will be integrated with the MAILE/AMBER alert program.

Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis all across the country, including in Hawaii. By 2025, the number of people living with Alzheimer's disease is expected to rise to 35,000. A person with Alzheimer's may not remember his or her name or address—and can become disoriented, even in familiar places. This is a frequent problem; six in 10 people with dementia will wander.

The majority of states have formally adopted a silver alert program, with many more states adopting similar procedures. By adopting this measure, Hawaii would join these states in offering caregivers and family members additional support when faced by the stress and challenge of having a missing loved one with Alzheimer's disease.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this legislation.

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SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:11:30 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 3:02:14 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karin Nomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:38:13 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In favor of Bill 3123 for public health and safety

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:39:09 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Emerson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill which will hopefully ensure that missing seniors and their families receive the immediate attention and assistance needed. This includes official acknowledgement of concerns and requests made regarding a missing person and steps taken immediately to publicize and conduct the search, recognizing the urgency due to the individual's health needs.

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:04:57 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas DeLong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm in favor of this Bill

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:05:26 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loretta Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, personally support this bill for all missing persons. I have a brother who has been missing for over two months now. A bill such as this is very important and could be used and be very helpful from day he became missing. Thank you

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:12:57 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Ishii	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

My name is Shane Ishii

Hello to everyone. Thank you for allowing me the time to be heard.

I am in favor of implementing a Silver Alert program SB3123. I believe it should not be integrated with the Maile/Amber alert. It should be similar to the Mile/Amber alert but as a stand alone program to inform the public of a missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition.

Recently, my father who has dementia has wandered off and is now missing. From the time we reported my dad missing to the time it was reported on the news, more than 24 hours had gone by. Also during that time we had to do our own research as to what to do to get the information out to the general public. There was no guidelines for us to follow. Time spent doing all that we did is time that the public did not know my father was missing.

If a Silver Alert had been implemented from the last time it came across the floor, my dad may not be missing today. Also the family of the missing person can focus on finding their loved one instead of brainstorming what to do to get the word of of their missing loved one.

They say that the first 48 is the most crucial for the case. I strongly believe that for an elderly person with dementia the time is much shorter. An elderly person with dementia walking alone can look like everyone else. Where as a child cannot walk down the street by themselves without arousing someones suspicion. This makes them virtually invisible to everyone they pass by. Hopefully with the implementation of the Silver Alert these elderly missing will be back home with family and friends in the shortest time frame possible.

Thank you again for allowing me to be heard.

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:05:29 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grisel Dennis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It has been stated if a person with dementia is not found within 12 hours the individual faces a 50% chance of injury or death. And trying to locate a loved one without outside support can be incredibly stressful beyond measure. I have witnessed this first hand. Imagine trying to do this alone, making calls to family and friends, attempting to alert the public through social media accounts, calling every hospital on the island. Driving day in and day out in hopes of finding your loved one. It can take days, weeks to alert the community in which they live, the public and with each passing day that 50% rises. By passing this bill we can lessen this stress by immediately alerting the public for their assistance and achieve better outcomes in reuniting missing loved ones with their families.

Let us all come together, find these loved ones and bring them home. Along with Jenny Ishii, wife of Milton Ishii, I support bill 3123.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:37:51 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wanda Beppu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha to Honorary Members of our Hawaii Legislators:

I am submitting my personal testimony on SB3123 & submit my full support on this endeavor and support of a good friend who was recently lost.

With technology and medical skills we Seniors are able to live longer and fuller lives. Unfortunately we do not have enough of the support services for those that are impacted with dementia/alzheimer and other mental ailments. Too often Families lose their loved ones by them just wandering away from home, never to be seen again.

Missing Seniors are just as important as Missing Children. While at different end of the spectrum it still hits home to many Hawaii Families.

I have been over the last 40 years providing care to our parents and siblings. We were one of the fortunate families that had our internal support group but there are many in Hawaii that have small families, limited support and have to fend for themselves.

My very good friend from elementary school lost her husband (a person with dementia who walked away from home in Makakilo) 2 days before Thanksgiving 2019 and he is still missing. With each week passing the Light of Hope diminishes. All the Family wishes/hope for now is to find him so that he can put him to rest and at peace to get closure,

Please Support this Bill & Please Help Bring Milton Ishii Home!

Mahalo & Aloha e,

Wanda Beppu :-)

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:15:31 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kendra Jitchaku	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Regarding Bill SB3123, I am in support of this Bill.

I believe this bill will benefit many people.

We have recently been struck by a missing family member for the last two months. If we had this Bill in place, it would have alerted the public sooner and possibly have success in finding my uncle,

With missing adults with dementia or other medical conditions, time is of the essence. Alerting the public will get the word out and make them more aware of those around them. This will help to find the person sooner and have a better success in bringing them home.

I am in support of this Bill. Please support this Bill too. Thank you!

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:16:15 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elissa Reyes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe that if we would have had something in place like Amber Alert, we would have been able to easily track Milton Ishii. With the delay in getting the news out to the island, it really delayed possible sightings and everyone's awareness to be on the look out for him. Precious time is wasted and every second counts. I believe this bill will help us find our elders (silver alert), as it has helped us find many children (amber alert)

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:50:46 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tammy Primiano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My uncle went missing 2 days before Thanksgiving and he still has not been found. He is elderly with dementia. We have no systems in place to get the information to the public quickly. Early on there were about 4 people who saw my uncle and evened talked to him but had no idea that he was missing. Having a alert like the silver alert may have helped get my uncle back to us as opposed to us just missing him because someone saw the news or a flyer after their encounter with him. As our population ages I can see more and more of our kapuna go missing due to dementia or alzheimer disease. No family should have to go through what we've gone through. Please consider passing this bill. Thank you

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:51:43 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DONNA S IWANE	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

When I first heard on the news that Milton Ishii was missing and suffered from dementia and diabetes, I wanted to do what I could to help find him. My daughter and I would go out every night and weekends to search for Milton. I have 2 aunties who had dementia and one of them was also diabetic. Unfortunately, one of my aunty who I considered a 2nd mom passed away. My other aunty wanders and my cousins have put GPS bracelets on her but she would take them off. My cousins are at the point of wanting to implant a micro chip of sort because there is nothing available that my aunt would not take off before she wanders. Milton may be just one person but how many lives have to be missing before there's a system like Silver Alert that could have saved his life or be found? I have grown to love the Ishii family and pray that this bill will be passed so no one else will be lost like Milton. I may not have known Milton personally but my heart goes out to the family. I see the pain and suffering the family has been going through not knowing. I ask respectfully to please have mercy for the Ishii family and other families that have gone through this ordeal and families that may go through this in the future without the Silver Alert and pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:58:56 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Guitang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We have been searching for Milton Ishii based on sightings from the public but it seems like we are always a step behind because we are not notified till several days later.

The public is not aware of Milton Ishii missing until they see a post on Facebook, and then we see their post later. The info will take a few days to reach us and by then it is too late and we are behind on his whereabouts.

The Silver Alert will broadcast the missing person alert to a wider audience quicker and faster, saving valuable time in finding the person.

Also, allowing businesses to post flyers of the missing persons will definitely help to bring awareness to the public.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:16:13 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support. I was a caregiver for my grandmother who had slight dementia. This service is needed!

District 16

Shyla

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:22:49 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mari Albarado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 3123. Too frequently I turn on the television and see reports of a senior citizen missing. In some cases they are found quickly, and in others the outcome isn't as positive. Shouldn't we do everything we can to help these families find their loved ones and return them home safely?

Years ago, I personally participated in a search of a missing senior citizen. It was over 2 weeks of searching, handing out flyers, and talking to the media. No family should ever have to suffer through such a heartbreaking ordeal like that. This happened before cell phones and social media.

It is extremely critical that the word gets out quickly to as many people as possible, and a Silver Alert would drastically increase the number of people that could be reached. Just like an Amber Alert, the information would be distributed via commercial and public radio stations, Internet radio, television stations, text messages, and cable TV by the Emergency Alert System and NOAA Weather Radio. Americans today are increasingly connected to the world of digital information while "on the go" via smartphones, and other mobile devices right at their fingertips. With 96% of adults owning a cellphone, the Silver Alert would instantly reach thousands more bringing the entire community together to assist in the search.

Seniors with dementia have impaired memory and judgement. They forget to eat/drink, get disoriented, have issues problem solving, get confused, and paranoid. Some also have other health issues that require medication. Time is of the essence.

One day someone you know may need it.

I urge you to pass this bill to help protect our precious senior citizens.

Mahalo for your time,

Mari Albarado

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 8:51:53 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee ChongKee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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My Uncle went missing the day before Thanksgiving 2019, and is still missing. He has diabetes and dementia.

I strongly feel that with the Silver alert we would have him with us today.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 9:14:23 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Davenport	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

My name is Kathleen Davenport and I am in full support of establishing a Silver Alert program.

The family of missing senior citizen with dementia Milton Ishii are my neighbors, and it's been heartwrenching to hear their story and conducting searches with them to try find him over these past few months.

An immediate alerting system of a missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition should be implemented so caregiving families know that quick, effective measures are in place should their loved one go missing. Thirty seven states on the mainland already have such a measure in place. It is time Hawaii shows their deep concern for our valued senior citizens.

Very respectfully,

Kathleen Davenport,

Makakilo, Hawaii

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 9:36:38 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loreen Nozawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm in favor of this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 10:18:44 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 10:22:23 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Philpott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to help our kapuna and their families that suffer from dementia....

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 10:50:32 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Burgess	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a neighbor of Milton Ishii, who has been missing since late November. I feel if the family had access to a Silver Alert like there is an Amber Alert, Milton would have been found within days or even hours after he was reported missing. Families with members that have alzheimers or dementia need this type of alerts that would help Hawaii as a community be aware of our missing kupuna. Please consider passing this bill.

Much aloha,

Laurie Burgess

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 11:35:32 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Fujii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 11:45:27 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie Reyes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a family member of a missing person (Still missing), for 3 months now, I feel that any type of immediate response and alert to the public would be of great importance in the recovery of our elderly, and medically challenged, who are unable to help themselves.

I strongly feel that if the "Silver Alert" was in place, my uncle who is 76 years old and has dementia and diabetes may very well be with us today instead of still missing. It is up to us to speak up for those that can't speak for themselves.

Sadly, there are so many elderly and people suffering from dementia in Hawaii and many go missing everyday.

The wonderful thing about Hawaii, is that we have such amazing and loving people that are always willing to help each other. This, is what makes the Hawaii so special!

I ask that you please support this bill so other families do not have to go through the pain of not knowing if their loved ones are still alive.

Mahalo,

Debbie Reyes

Members of the committee,

My name is, Eligio Reyes, and I am writing in support of SB 3123 - Silver Alert Program. I'm a retired law enforcement officer currently residing in Washington. We have a Silver Alert program in place here. According to my research via the internet, Hawaii is one of only (4) states nationwide without a specific missing persons alert system for an endangered senior citizen or adult: Hawaii, Idaho, Vermont, and Iowa. This needs to change.

I support this bill especially because my wife's uncle, Milton Ishii, has been missing since November 26th, 2019, and he still hasn't been found. He suffers from the mental impairments that would've triggered a Silver Alert. An alert that could've reached the general public via all available media outlets in a timely manner.

The way it basically works now is one calls 911 and a police officer responds. A report is filed and an APB is usually issued to other on-duty police officers. A detective is also notified by phone but rarely responds to the area where the missing person was last seen. Generally, after a few minutes of searching, the police officer(s) move on to their next emergency call, and the detective will do a follow-up when the report lands on his or her desk. No one is actively looking for these seniors wandering off with dementia, Alzheimer's, etc. And like what happened to Milton Ishii, things can go from bad to worse when they don't return on their own. The "let's just wait for the old guy/lady to eventually show up" way of doing things is unacceptable. Hawaii's aging population is on the rise and will continue to grow. They deserve better than that. I firmly believe adopting this bill now is a step in the right direction. In the meantime, the search for our Uncle Milton continues.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Eligio Reyes

SB-3123

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 1:17:40 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse ChongKee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My wife's Uncle went missing, he is elderly and has both dementia and diabetes. We still have not found him or any trace of him.

I believe that the Silver alert would've helped us find him.

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They would not allow us to post flyers on their windows or up in their stores because he was not a missing child. Very sad and frustrating.

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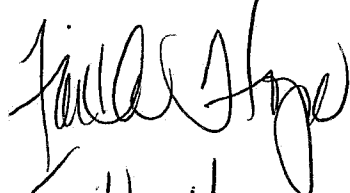
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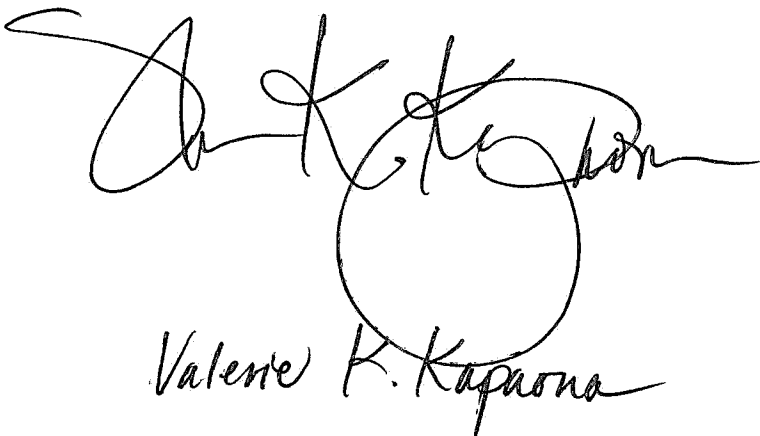
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Kathleen DeLaCruz
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587-0128

This is very personal to my family. Milton is my daughter's Godfather & a my grandmother who passed last year (age 101) had dementia. We need this for our kupuna ... I don't know why there isn't already something like this Mahalo again

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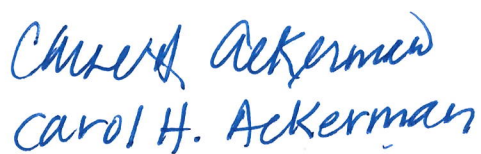
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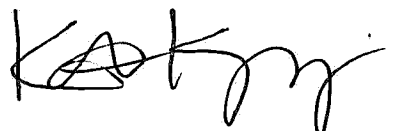
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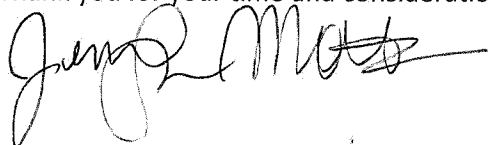
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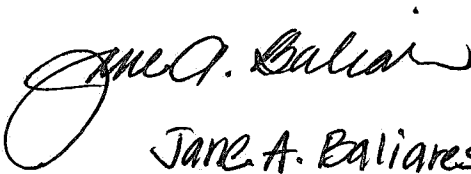
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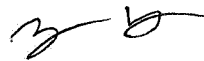
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Cynthia Shimada

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Kinau Alber - J87-0132 (work)

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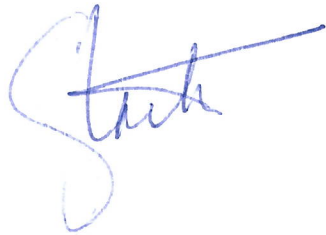
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Thank you for your time and consideration,

I'm in support for this bill because TIME is of the Essence in reporting the disappearance of an elderly family member. We need to let the public know and that we need help in locating a family member.

Francisco Ambriz

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2-6-2020

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 2:22:02 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Uehara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm in favor of this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 2:40:22 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Stanaway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting my testimony on behalf of 76 year old Milton Ishii who went missing on November 16, 2019. I am Milton's niece and would like to see this bill for the "silver alert" passed, especially for Hawaii's elderly and high risk "dementia /Alzheimer population" who go missing. My uncle walked away from his home in Makakilo on that dreaded day and is still missing. At the time of his disappearance he suffered from Alzheimer's disease and was a high risk since he was also a diabetic. Despite exhausting all means and with all efforts in full force to put Milton's name, information and pictures out to the public, and with the assistance from HPD and HFD, news media coverage, networking through social media, community searches/putting up flyers all over Oahu, and ongoing family/friend searches we have still to find Milton. These past 3 months have been unimaginably difficult for all of us who love, and miss him everyday. We all are still actively "searching" for him, but sadly we still cannot find him. It truly breaks our hearts to imagine how confused, lonely, tired and alone he must've felt in those first few hours and days as we believe that he has most likely passed somewhere because of the time that has gone by, but has not yet been found. We truly believe that if the state mandated "silver alert" protocol had been in place, my Uncle Milton may of been safely returned to our family soon after he went missing. We, Milton's entire family and his friends beg you to please see the importance of passing this bill SB3123 "SILVER ALERT" to send put public notice of a missing and endangered elderly person so that no other family EVER HAS TO GO THROUGH WHAT WE ARE HAVING TO DO NOW, this is an absolute nightmare for all of Milton's loved ones.

Think about your elderly family members and friends here in Hawaii who may be living with a form of dementia now or in the future, and help them to continue to live their lives at home and know that if they get confused, and happen to leave their home, that there is this elderly missing persons "silver alert" in place to increase their chances of being safely found as soon as possible with the help of the public when this "alert" goes out to all persons in Hawaii. It has been cited in the Hawaii Dept of Health's 2017-19 HAWAII STATE PLAN ON AGING that the statistics state that " Hawaii's older adult population (60+) continues to increase. By 2020, 1 in 4 residents of Hawaii will be 60 years or older. As Hawaii's aging population increases, the need for home and community-based services will in tirn continue to rise.

That being said, so will the need to help keep our Hawaii seniors SAFE!! PLEASE SINCERELY CONSIDER PASSING THIS BILL TO KEEP YOUR ELDERLY LOVED ONES SAFE AS WELL. Our family would also like to propose that should this bill for

the "silver alert" be passed, it be named "MILTON'S BILL". Thank you so much for your consideration on passing this very important bill as it may be our missing elderly's last chance at life.

Aloha! Michelle Stanaway

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 2:45:51 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I feel the Silver Alert Senior Citizen bill integrated with MAILE/AMBER ALERT is an excellent idea. We need to be able to locate our kapuna and others who have disabilities and need medication right away.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 3:14:08 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I agree that a system should be in place where missing Adults with alzheimers or dementia or with medical needs can be immediately put on alert to the city/state. The message would be widely broadcast to the community and hope to quickly find people and avoid getting hurt and getting them to their families faster.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 4:11:05 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruby Miyao	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm writing on behalf of my brother in law Milton Ishii who went missing on Nov 26, 2019 after leaving his home in Makakilo. Milton suffered from Alzheimers disease and was also a diabetic. Sadly, he is still a missing person and we are praying to find him soon as our family needs closure. We are all so devastated and extremely saddened at the thought that he may have passed away somewhere alone, and needs to be found. Our family cannot ask you enough to sincerely considering passing this " Silver Alert" bill which will immediately alert the public of a "missing at risk elderly person". Our sole hope is that with this "silver alert" protocol/bill in place that this will never happen to another person, and their loved ones will not have to go through this horrific nightmare as Milton's loved one are right now. We truly feel in our hearts that had this bill been already passed, my brother in law would've had a chance to be found and returned home safely. There are so many elderly people living here in Hawaii as that population is rapidly growing, you all know someone who is living with a form of dementia and who at any point can get confused, and leave their home unaware that that could possibly be the last time they ever see their family. Together, we can all do something to help prevent what happened to Milton, and put an extra form of safety measure in place for these at risk elderly so they do not need to go missing, and never be seen by their loved ones again. I, along with all of Milton Ishii's loved ones beg you to pass this bill and help protect Hawaii's elderly from going missing. We never want anyone to go through the sadness and grief that we have gone through for the past 3 months and maybe even longer since we are still actively searching for Milton. Thank you,

Ruby Miyao

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 6:29:08 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Akasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe this Bill could and would benefit many families in Hawaii. There are so many cases of missing elderly persons (with or without medical conditions) that are never found. It would result in immediate actions to help locate the missing person, when response time, maybe the most important factor in helping to discover their whereabouts.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 8:05:36 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
malia yasso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 8:13:03 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaime Tuisano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill. If this is in place, I believe many missing Seniors would have a much greater chance of being found and returned home to their families. Whether Amber or Silver, bottom line, a loved one is missing and they need everyone's help to be reunited with their families. Please strongly consider passing Bill SB 3123.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 9:00:58 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roxie Flynn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to submit testimony in strong support of proposed bill, SB3123. I strongly feel that some type of Silver Alert for missing seniors, especially ones with dementia/alzheimers, will be greatly beneficial since it puts a system in place to notify agencies and the general public right away of a missing senior. Time is crucial.

A system like this will free up family and friends from trying to figure it all out from scratch, will allow them to assist with searching, knowing that the word/news is already out publicly (or will be very shortly) and the chances of finding a missing loved one is high.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Roxie Flynn

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Submitted on: 2/7/2020 1:05:52 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dominique Say	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2020 12:58:10 PM

Testimony for HMS on 2/7/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Poki'i Balaz	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: