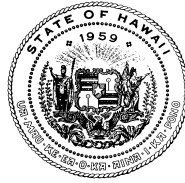


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0676 SD1
Relating to Health

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Hearing Date: February 21, 2019
10:00 am

Room Number: 211

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, would like to provide comments on SB0676 SD1. During the 2018 Hawaii State
- 3 Legislative Session, Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to Health which added a new section
- 4 to the EOA Statute, HRS349 designating EOA with the responsibility of coordinating and
- 5 implementing the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia. We support the
- 6 intent of this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the
- 7 Administration's executive biennium budget.
- 8 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates unspecified funds for FY20 and FY21 to fund a
- 9 dedicated staff position to coordinate and implement the state plan on Alzheimer's Disease and
- 10 Related Dementia (ADRD) in the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of
- 11 the Department of Health. However, during the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session,
- 12 Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to Health which added a new section to the EOA Statute,

1 HRS349 designating EOA with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing the State
2 Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the
4 United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase to 35,000 by the
5 year 2025. In addition, an estimated 66,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide 74,000,000
6 hours of unpaid care each year. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and*
7 *Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the multifaceted issues in dealing with the
8 disease, the services and activities needed requires leadership and coordination at a systemic
9 level. Resources are needed to better facilitate and coordinate the collaborative activities to
10 implement and update the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state plan as well as fulfill
11 the new reporting requirements.

12 During the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session, Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to
13 Health. This act added a new section to the EOA Statute, HRS349 to prepare an update of the
14 State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia. However, no funding was
15 appropriated to EOA for a dedicated position to address the ADRD and to carry out the mandate.

16 **Recommendation:** Funding for updating the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state
17 plan is part of the Administration's budget request. We strongly support advancing this
18 measure.

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20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Stone-Walls	Testifying for Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/21/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/21/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Gary Simon, Chairperson of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports SB 676 SD 1.

The position of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Services Coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging is essential to the effective management and organization of the implementation of the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias among and by state and community agencies.

The position also is vital to preparing the annual State Plan progress report to the Legislature as required by Act 214 of 2013.

PABEA supports EOA's request for funding for the position in the amounts of \$26,478 for FY 2019 – 2020 and \$52,956 for FY 2020 – 2021.

We urge you to support SB 676 SD 1 and EOA's requested funding.

And, we urge you to recommend its passage.

Thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

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Testimony for WAM on 2/21/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Iboshi	Testifying for Zonta Club of Hilo	Support	No

Comments:

The Zonta Club of Hilo supports the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia's Coordinator position within the Executive Office of Aging. The reasons are well stated in the preamble of the proposed bill, along with the SCReport No. 101.

Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls worldwide. As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies for women; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving.

Hawaii County's growing elder and disabled population is outpacing the current resources. Over 21% of the population is over 60. Coordination of Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementia resources through prevention and appropriate resource distribution for our super-rural community is invaluable for our community's well-being.

Please pass SB 676, SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi

Zonta Club of Hilo

Re: SB676 SD1 Relating to Health February 21, 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 SB676 SD1 to provide one FTE to the Executive Office on Aging to coordinate public and private services regarding Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) and to update the State Alzheimer's Plan. Nearly six years ago, **Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias**, a thorough examination of the subject, was completed. Since then, little has been done to follow up and the study is drawing dust on a shelf.

It is anticipated that the number of people with Alzheimer's in Hawaii will increase 40% by 2025. Hawaii has not kept pace with the crucial need to address this problem head on. ADRD is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Please pass SB676 SD1 to ensure funding (for FY 20 and FY21) for a FTE position within the Executive Office on Aging to coordinate and update the State Alzheimer's Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW

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Testimony for WAM on 2/21/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Yuan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 21, 2019

Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB676 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I submit this testimony with support for the intent of Senate Bill 676 SD1 and to provide **comments**. This bill establishes and appropriates funding for one full-time equivalent Program Specialist IV within the Executive Office on Aging to coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services and update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

A similar position, 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. The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter strongly supports appropriating funds for and filling this existing position within the Executive Office on Aging.

The original draft of this measure established a full-time equivalent position under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of the Department of Health. Programs under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division utilize public health strategies including: strategic partnership development and community linkages; awareness and education; surveillance; evidence-based best practices; evaluation; and promoting health equity.

Despite the belief of many, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory deficits may occur as you grow older but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It is usually contributed to some form of dementia. However, the lack of awareness on such, often results in minimal to no reporting of memory issues to one's physician. The lack of reporting these issues often

lead to a failure to obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of this chronic disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes. We believe that establishing a Program Specialist IV position under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of the Department of Health would be a great step forward to meeting the challenges of Alzheimer's Disease.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide **comments** on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

Sincerely,

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