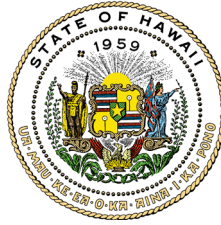


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3113 SD2
Relating to Kupuna Care Program

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: Wed., April 6, 2022
2:45 P.M.

Room Number: 308
Via Videoconference

1 **EOA's Position:** Thank you for scheduling a hearing on this measure. The Executive Office
2 on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly supports SB3113 SD
3 2, Relating to Kupuna Care Program and **offers an amendment.**

4 **Fiscal Implications:** \$1.5 million is being requested in HB1600 HD1 for the Executive Office
5 on Aging (HTH-904) for the Kupuna Care Program to enable working caregivers to maintain
6 their employment.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to amend Chapter 349, part II, HRS, to
8 incorporate the Kupuna Caregivers Program into the Kupuna Care Program.

9 The Kupuna Care Program began in 2001 to provide long-term services and supports to kupuna,
10 and the Kupuna Caregivers Program was established in 2017 specifically to provide support for
11 working caregivers. However, EOA determined that having two programs that offer the same
12 services for the kupuna and the caregiver caused silos in the system and did not lend itself to a
13 seamless system of supports for older adults and their caregivers.

1 The combined program model will streamline the administrative and programmatic burdens
2 imposed by both programs while continuing to provide an array of seamless services and
3 supports to meet the holistic and comprehensive needs of both older adults and their caregivers.
4 The purpose of this measure is to increase efficiencies in implementation and delivery of services
5 by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

6 The EOA will include a provision in our Kupuna Care contracts to earmark the \$1.5 Million
7 additional allocation in the budget bill for caregivers' support.

8 Additional highlights in the bill are:

- 9 • Adds definitions for "caregiver", "caregiver support services", "employed
10 caregiver", and "financial management service provider"
- 11 • Adds “caregiver support” and “respite” services for the employed caregiver into
12 the list of Kupuna Care services
- 13 • Adds “care coordination” to the list of services for the care recipient (older adult)
- 14 • Simplifies the process of delivering services through the Kupuna Care Program
15 (i.e., traditional service delivery and participant-directed services)
- 16 • Specifies that the Kupuna Care Program shall award funds for services to the
17 service provider or financial management service provider upon receipt of an
18 invoice for services rendered

19 EOA offers an amendment to SB 3113 SD 2 Page 5, line 20 amend (D) “Chores” to “Chore” to
20 be consistent with the Older Americans Act.

21 **Recommendation:** EOA recommends the merger of both programs under the title of KUPUNA
22 CARE with the dual purpose to serve the needs of Hawaii’s kupuna and caregivers, under a more
23 efficient and streamlined administrative and programmatic system. EOA strongly supports
24 SB3113 SD 2 with amendments.

25 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 1:46:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealoha Takahashi	Kauai County, Agency on Elderly Affairs	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support incorporating the kupuna caregivers program into the kupuna care program and adds services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers.

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



William H. Farr
Executive on Aging

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April 5, 2022

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice-Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Support of SB3113 SD2, relating to KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM
2:45 P.M., April 6, 2022, Conference Room 308 VIA Videoconference**

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The Kupuna Care program is the backbone of services for our most frail and vulnerable Kupuna. Therefore, the Hawaii County Office of Aging (HCOA) fully supports SB3113 SD2, relating to Kupuna Care Program. The passage of this measure will provide clarity to the definition of the care recipient, caregiver, and the employed or "working caregiver."

Incorporating the Kupuna Caregiver Program into the Kupuna Care Program allows for the development of a more comprehensive care plan by the case manager. Under this measure, the consumer and service definitions fall into closer alignment to the assessed needs of the intended consumer, the caregiver. The needs and services of the care recipient, are very different from that of the caregiver and working caregiver. This measure aligns those services much more clearly.

As an Area Agency on Aging, the passage of this measure will enable us to better fulfill our goal and mission of helping our Kupuna to remain living independently and with dignity in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William H. Farr".

William "Horace" Farr
Executive on Aging
Hawaii County Office of Aging



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**Hawaii State Legislature
The House
Committee on Finance
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
2:45 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair

RE: SB 3113 S.D.2, Relating to Kupuna Care Program

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and over 140,000 in Hawai'i.

AARP Hawai'i supports SB 3113 S.D.2 which incorporates the kupuna caregivers program into the kupuna care program. Combining the two programs eliminates confusion with similar names and overlapping scope of services, and enables more efficient use of federal, state and county funds. Kupuna Care has been a long-standing program that provides an array of home and community-based services such as home/chore services, transportation and offers respite to family members. The Kūpuna Caregiver program designed specifically for working caregivers, affords families to send their loved ones to adult day care centers and receive additional in-home help during the day so that they continue to work and make a living.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support SB 3113 S.D.2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keali'i Lopez".

Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawai'i



To: House Committee on Finance
Hearing Date/Time: April 6, 2022 at 2:45PM
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB3113

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee,

Members of AAUW of Hawaii thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB3113 which would incorporate the kupuna caregivers program into the kupuna care program and add services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers. This action is needed to guarantee care, independence and dignity for the many kupuna and dedicated caregivers in our communities.

Women shoulder a disproportionate burden of elder care responsibilities: About 25% of women aged 45-64 care for an older relative according to a 2019 survey from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Being forced to leave the labor force to do unpaid care work limits women's advancement and corresponding pay increases, contributing to the gender pay gap. On average, women spend 12 years less in the workforce than men – if they choose to leave workforce to take care of their elders at least they are getting compensated. By offering support services to care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers, SB3113 allows caregivers to remain in the workforce so they can support their families while ensuring care for older relatives.

Many kupuna find a shortfall in dollars spent for basic care and assistance and the gender pay gap also continues into retirement, with the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey showing a nearly 30% difference in total retirement income between men and women. There are serious and disproportionate financial barriers to seniors aging in place and avoiding institutionalization. Providing the support services outlined in SB3113 for the kupuna care program will greatly assist all older adults who wish to continue residing in their homes.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawaii is an all volunteer, statewide chapter of a national organization and is made up of six branches: Hilo, Honolulu, Kaua'i, Kona, Maui, and Windward O'ahu. UH Hilo, UH Mānoa, UH Maui College, and Windward Community College are also AAUW partners. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for equal opportunities in education, at workplace and for economic security, and in leadership.



with Aloha,

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Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance

Wednesday, April 6, 2022; 2:45 p. m.

State Capitol Conference Room 308 and via videoconference

Regarding: SB 3113 SD 2, RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance:

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

PABEA strongly supports SB 3113 SD 2, RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE, which would incorporate the Kupuna Caregivers Program into the Kupuna Care Program and add services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers.

PABEA is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for our kupuna. With this measure, the combined program model will streamline the administrative and programmatic burdens imposed by both programs while continuing to provide an array of seamless services and supports to meet the holistic and comprehensive needs of both older adults and their caregivers. The Area Agencies on Aging in each county that implement both programs will be able to use their federal, state, and county funds more efficiently and provide services in a timely manner.

We urge you to support SB 3113 SD 2, and we urge you to recommend its passage.

On behalf of PABEA, I thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,



Gary Simon

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RE: SB3113 – In Support with Recommendations

Gina Fujikami, MD
The Queen's Medical
Center

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

Stafford Kiguchi
Executive Vice President
Bank of Hawaii
retired

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, I am pleased to extend our support for SB3113 which incorporates the kupuna caregivers' program into the kupuna care program and adds services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers with the following **recommendations** to make certain the issues led to the creation of the Kupuna Caregiver Program in 2017 are addressed, and data is collected to identify issues, gaps in services or reach, and to make informed decisions to benefit our elderly and caregivers today and tomorrow:

Lori McCarney
Executive Director
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Kai Ohashi
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3. Require the Executive Office on Aging to develop an outreach plan to reach those who may not be aware of the Kupuna Care program and its services. There should not be any fiscal implications, as dissemination could be combined with how EOA informs the public currently of its services.

Michael Robinson
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LJ R. Duenas
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at ljduenas@alz.org, or by phone at 808.495.4122.

Sincerely,



LJ Duenas
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 6:02:45 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB3113. Please pass. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board member, Rainbow Family 808

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 1:07:38 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John A. H. Tomoso	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

04-05-22

RE: SB3113 SD2

I am advocating for the passage of this Bill, which I understand incorporates the Kupuna Caregivers program into the Kupuna Care Program and adds services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers.

This is important as I do not know anybody, in my family and extended family that is **not** involved in caregiving or, at least, knows of a family member giving care. Thus, this incorporation and addition of services makes the system a lot more effective and efficient, with the Aging Network at lot more integrated and with strong3er deliverables.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

John A. H. Tomoso +, MSW, ACSW

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cc: Maui Aging Network

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 2:18:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha House Finance Committee members - SB3113 SD2 is a positive step for Kapuna support initiatives for the State of Hawaii. The proposed consolidateion of the Kapuna Care and Kapuna Caregiver programs is a very worthwhile action that is worth of your support.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 3:50:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Truong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amy Truong and I am an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association and ask for your support of SB3113 which incorporates the kupuna caregivers' program into the kupuna care program and adds services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers with the following **recommendations** to make certain the issues led to the creation of the Kupuna Caregiver Program in 2017 are addressed, and data is collected to identify issues, gaps in services or reach, and to make informed decisions to benefit our elderly and caregivers today and tomorrow:

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My mother is living with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease and my father is her full-time caregiver. We seek to receive support from the kupuna caregivers program because it is greatly needed to support my father.

Mahalo for your time and support of our kupuna and their caregivers.

Warm regards,
Amy Truong

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 4:59:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicolas K. Los Banos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nic Los Banos and I am an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association and ask for your support of SB3113 which incorporates the kupuna caregivers' program into the kupuna care program and adds services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers with the following recommendations to make certain the issues led to the creation of the Kupuna Caregiver Program in 2017 are addressed, and data is collected to identify issues, gaps in services or reach, and to make informed decisions to benefit our elderly and caregivers today and tomorrow:

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Thank you for your time and support of our kupuna and their caregivers.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Naomi Suto and I am an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association and ask for your support of SB3113 which incorporates the kupuna caregivers' program into the kupuna care program and adds services for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers with the following **recommendations** to make certain the issues led to the creation of the Kupuna Caregiver Program in 2017 are addressed, and data is collected to identify issues, gaps in services or reach, and to make informed decisions to benefit our elderly and caregivers today and tomorrow:

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Thank you for your time and support of our kupuna and their caregivers.