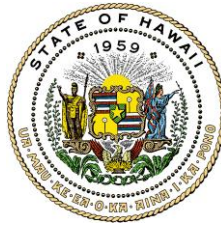


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1486 HD1
Relating to The Kupuna Care Program

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

Hearing Date: February 27, 2023
10:00 AM

Room Number: 308
Via Videoconference

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, supports HB 1486 HD1, Relating to the Kupuna Care Program.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates a blank amount for FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 for the Kupuna Care Program within the Executive Office on Aging.

Purpose and Justification: The Kupuna Care Program assists older adults and their caregivers with much needed home and community-based services. Kupuna Care services include services to support kupuna's activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, toileting, eating, etc.) and instrumental activities of daily living (shopping, medication management, housekeeping, etc.). Kupuna Care services also provide services such as personal care, chore, home-delivered meals, adult day care, transportation, respite care and caregiver support services.

In FY 2021, the Executive Office on Aging's base budget for Kupuna Care was reduced by

\$1.8 million. This bill will make the Kupuna Care Program whole and restore funding to a pre-pandemic level. We appreciate your consideration of this bill.

Recommendation: EOA supports this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the Administration's budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1486-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 7:55:25 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports HB1486. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member



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**Hawaii State Legislature
House Committee on Finance
Monday, February 27, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Kyle Yamashita, Chair
RE: HB 1486,HD1 Relating to Kupuna Care Program

Aloha Chair Yamashita 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 impact organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawai'i.

AARP Hawai'i supports HB 1486 HD1 which appropriates funds for the kupuna care program within the Executive Office on Aging.

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. It affords families to receive respite care for their loved ones so that they continue to support them to age safely in their homes.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support HB 1486, HD1.

Sincerely,

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

Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawai'i
State Director

THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



FIN_02-27-23_1 (10:30AM) Submitted 2/26/23

TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

CONCERNING: HB1486 HD1 (HSCR616) Relating to Kūpuna Care Program

POSITION: UNEQUIVICAL SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Finance Committee

The Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has an enrolled membership of more than 2,000 politically aware and active seniors. Our Caucus urges you to support HB 1486 HD1 (HSCR616).

This bill supports most of the issues our caucus is most concerned with when it comes to the future of the Kūpuna in Hawaii. We have testified in support of bills which support more licensed care homes and more funding for homes that care for Medicaid covered seniors.

This bill recognizes that the best place for a Kūpuna to age is in the familiar surroundings of their own home or family home. However that usually requires care givers and other support services.

We have testified in support of caregivers, their professional support, including respite time, and training. Also in support of funding for departments concerned with additional services that would enable Kūpuna to live at home, including food delivery, getting dressed, and basic cleaning and in home safety.

Please pass this bill which will help fund all such services for the present and into the future.

Martha E Randolph for the
Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/24/2023 6:50:47 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor

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Submitted on: 2/25/2023 4:58:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawai‘i’s aging population, like that of the United States, is rapidly increasing as more and more residents born during the baby boomer era of 1946–1964 turn 60. Between 2010 and 2020, the percentage of the state’s population over the age of 65 increased from 14.3–19%, and is projected to reach 22.6% by 2030. Within the same decade, the number of people over the age of 85 increased by more than a third, from 30,238 people to 41,600.

The significant increase in Hawai‘i’s elderly population and the concomitant increase in demand for services, particularly those that allow for aging in place, require an ongoing commitment to ensure that Hawai‘i’s kupuna are adequately cared for.

The Kupuna Care program was enacted in 1999 to help frail and vulnerable seniors age in place by leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. One of the principles of the program is that long-term care should be available to everyone, regardless of government or private insurance coverage or eligibility for other assistance programs, such as medicaid and supportive and nutrition services under Title III of the Older Americans Act.

The Kupuna Care program is considered an alternative to traditional long-term care options and uses state funds to provide a continuum of home and community-based supports to form a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers. Access to the Kupuna Care program for all seniors is necessary to maintain a consistent continuum of care for vulnerable older persons, particularly as individuals’ access to resources, support systems, and capacity change over time. Please support this bill.

HB-1486-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 8:33:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeannette L	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Memebr of the Committee on finance,

Funding for this porgram long overdue.

Kupuna and 'ohana are affected by huge expenses for elderly care.

Mahalo for conidering this request

Jeannette L. Fukuzawa

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 8:48:14 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Jones	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Finance,

I STRONGLY support funding for Kupuna Care.

Change funding level from the proposed \$1,800,000 to \$2,000,000 as the preamble of the bill states that there are more kupuna to serve as previous years.

Set the effective date to the date of enactment.

Mahalo for considering that kupuna have some additional help with caregiver expenses.

Ed Jones

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 8:35:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

02-27-23

RE:HB1486 HD1

Aloha kakou,

I am in favor of this Bill, which is important to the entire Aging Network, statewide. *In 2021 during the pandemic Kupuna Care's (KC's) base budget was reduced by \$1.8 mil. So , I am in support of this Bill, to make the KC budget whole again.*

Mahalo

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