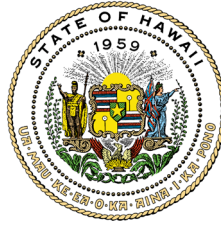


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1486 HD1**  
**Relating to The Kupuna Care Program**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
SENATOR HENRY J.C. AQUINO, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: March 20, 2023  
1:00 PM

Room Number: 225  
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 to older adults, 60 years of age and older, who have two or more deficits in Activities of Daily Living or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living. Kupuna Care provide services such as personal care, attendant care, chore, homemaker, case management, 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 thanks the committee for scheduling HB1486 HD1 for a hearing and 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.



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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### House Bill 1486 HD1 – Relating to the Kupuna Care Program

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 1486 HD1 – Relating to the Kupuna Care Program. This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care Program within the Executive Office on Aging.

Additional resources to support the Kupuna Care Program would assist kupuna, including kupuna with disabilities, with much needed home and community-based long-term care services including transportation, attendant care, case management, home-delivered meals, homemaker, adult day care, and personal care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW  
Executive Director



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS)

FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023 (1:00 p.m., Conference Room 225 & Videoconference)

RE: **IN SUPPORT OF HB 1486, HD1, Relating to the Kupuna Care Program**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been serving people in need in the State of Hawaii since 1947.

**CCH supports HB 1486, HD1**, which would provide add funding to the Kupuna Care (KC) Program which provides an array of in-home and community-based services to help elders remain in their own homes and communities. During the pandemic, we understand that the KC funding in the base budget was reduced by \$1.8M. **We ask that the funding be returned to the \$9M base and that consideration be given to INCREASE the funding further to \$10-\$12M in order to provide adequate services for our growing elderly population.**

CCH provides services for over 4,000 older adults each year and has been a provider of Kupuna Care (KC) Transportation for many years. The social isolation during the pandemic has had a negative impact on the physical and emotional health of our already frail elders. As the pandemic restrictions have lessened, more seniors are returning to in-person medical appointments and engaging in the physical and social activities that help them maintain their wellbeing.

We also hope that additional KC funding will ease the need to restrict these in-home and community-based services. Currently, the eligibility criteria is being defined very strictly and appears to keep frail elders from qualifying for KC services rather than helping to expand the services to serve a wider circle of frail elders in need.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of HB 1486, HD1. For more information or questions, please feel free to email Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) or call her via phone at 808-527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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## Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Monday, March 20, 2023; 1:00 p.m. Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225, and Videoconference

### **RE: House Bill No. 1486, House Draft 1, RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM**

Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Henry Aquino, and Members of the Committee:

I am Ron Shimabuku, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association. We are testifying in **SUPPORT of House Bill No. 1486, House Draft 1.**

The Alzheimer's Association was established to assist those facing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias by providing local support groups and educational resources while advancing crucial research and public policy initiatives.

Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis across the country. In Hawaii, approximately 29,000 individuals aged 65 and older live with Alzheimer's disease. By 2025, this figure is projected to increase by 20.7%. In addition, many are experiencing subjective cognitive decline — one of the earliest warning signs of future dementia. In 2020, 6.7% of individuals aged 45 and over reported increased confusion or worsening memory loss, putting them at risk of later developing dementia. More than two-thirds have not talked to their healthcare professional about it.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would appropriate an unspecified amount of funds for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof for the fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Kupuna Care Program in the Executive Office on Aging. This would take effect on June 30, 3000.

The Alzheimer's Association would like to acknowledge the Legislature's work and commitment to the Kupuna Care Program. In 2022, the Kupuna Caregivers Program was incorporated into the Kupuna Care Program, which added much-needed services and support for care recipients, caregivers, and employed caregivers. We recognize the value that this program brings to the state, especially to those living and impacted by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

**With this, we respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this bill.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. If you have questions, please contact Ron Shimabuku at 808.451.3410 or [rkshimabuku@alz.org](mailto:rkshimabuku@alz.org).



Ron Shimabuku  
Director, Public Policy and Advocacy  
Alzheimer's Association – Hawaii

**HB-1486-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:51:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 continues its support of HB1486. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Monday, March 20, 2023  
1:00 p. m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 225 and via videoconference

Re: HB 1486 HD 1 Relating to the Kupuna Care Program

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am Gary Simon, past president and a current board member of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition. The mission of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC) is to improve the quality of life of those who give and receive care by increasing community awareness of caregiver issues through continuing advocacy, education, and training.

**HFCC strongly supports HB 1486 HD 1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care Program within the Executive Office on Aging.

Kupuna Care is a vital program that provides home and community-based services to family caregivers and their care recipients. Services include, but are not limited to, home and chore services, transportation, and respite. Kupuna Care supports family caregivers in affording their care recipients to age safely in their homes.

We urge you to support HB 1486 HD 1, and we urge you to recommend its passage.

On behalf of HFCC, I thank you for seriously considering the bill.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Simon".

Gary Simon



Email [gsimon@aarp.org](mailto:gsimon@aarp.org)



**HB-1486-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 7:53:01 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the Kupuna care program with appropriations to assist its vital mission of helping safeguard the needs of our kupuna who need continuing care.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Ellen Godbey Carson

**HB-1486-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 10:44:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair**

**Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair**

**HEARING: Monday, March 20, 2023, 1:00PM**

**Re: [HB 1486, HD1](#) RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM**

**Aloha Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members. My name is Linda Dorset, a senior resident of Wailuku, Maui. I thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding the above referenced legislation. I strongly support HB1486 that appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care Program.**

**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.), also personal care, chore, home-delivered meals, adult day care, transportation, respite care and caregiver support services. It allows families to receive respite care for their loved ones so that they can continue to support them to age safely in their homes. And, as stated in the bill itself, between 2010 and 2020, the percentage of the State's population over the age of sixty-five increased from 14.3 percent to nineteen per cent and the number of people over the age of eighty five increased by more than a third. Therefore, please pass this increased appropriation because more funds are needed so that no one will get left out.**

**Linda Dorset**

**Wailuku Resident**

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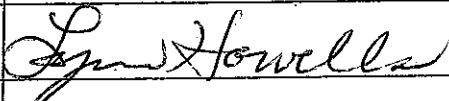
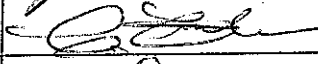
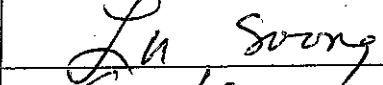

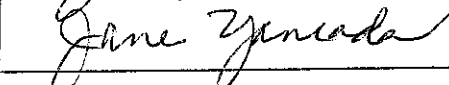
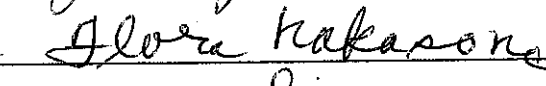
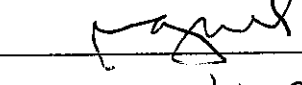

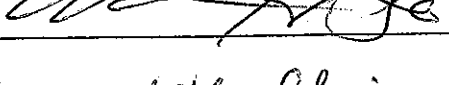
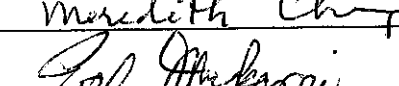
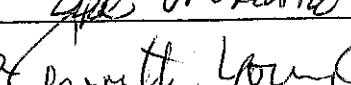
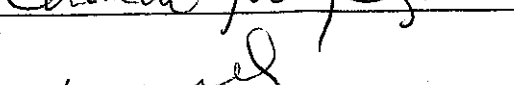

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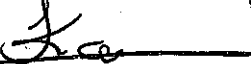





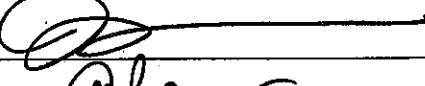
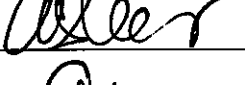
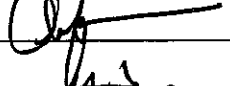

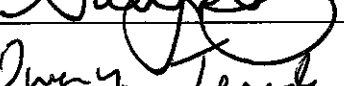
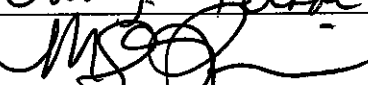
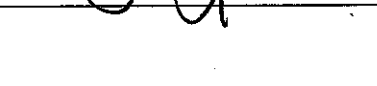
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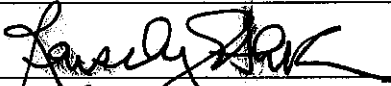

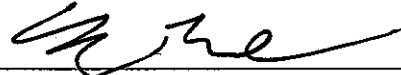
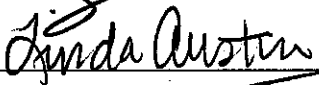
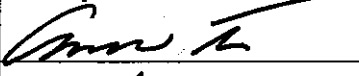

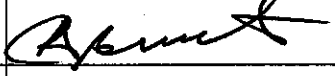
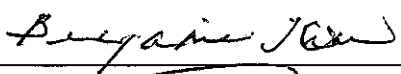
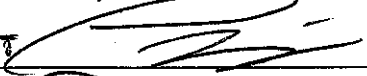



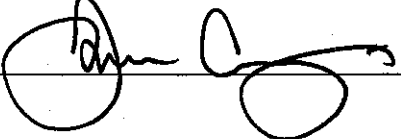
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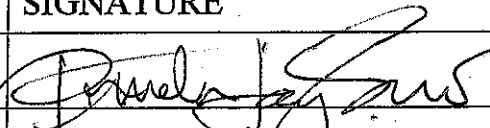

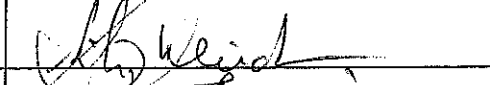

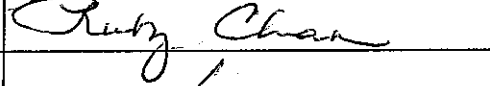
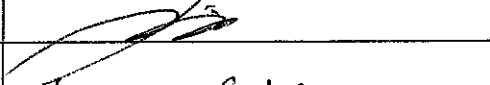
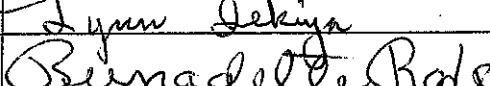
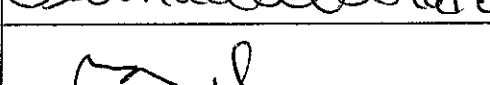
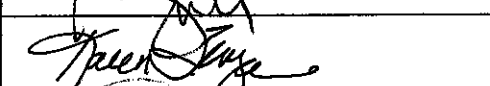
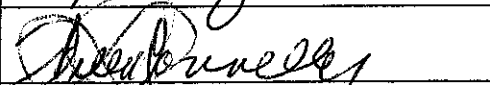
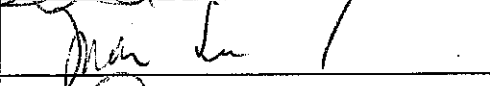


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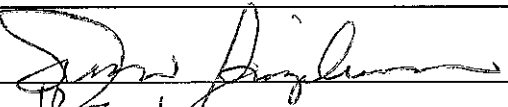
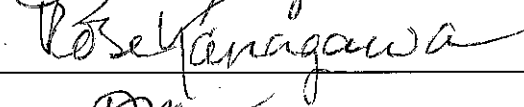

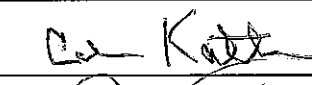
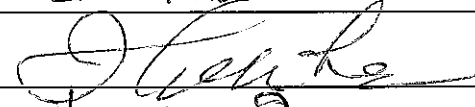
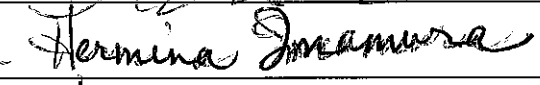
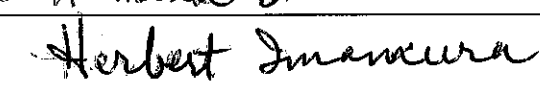
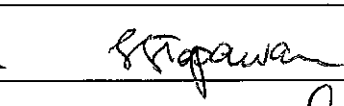
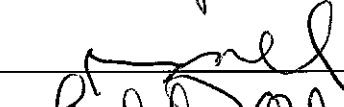
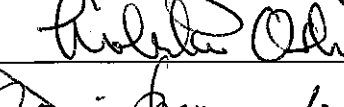
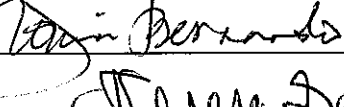
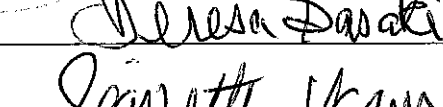
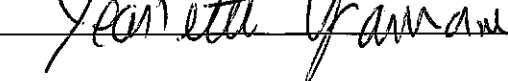
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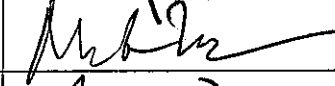
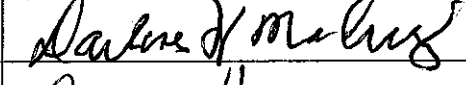
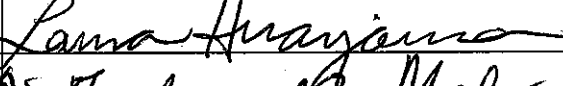

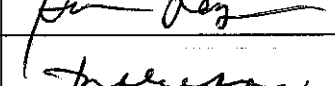
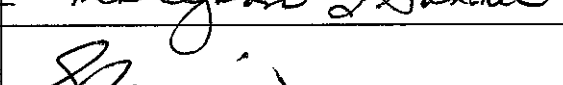



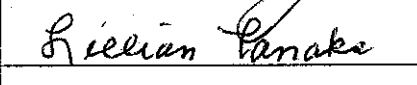


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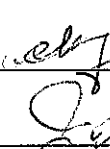

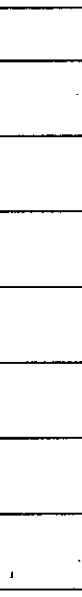
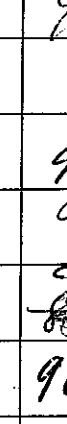
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March 18, 2023

TO:

Committee on Health and Human Services  
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Senator Henry J. C. Aquino, Vice Chair

**RE: HB1486 HD1 – Relating to the Kupuna Care Program**

Hearing Scheduled for March 20, 2023  
Conference Room 225; 1:00 PM

Most Honorable Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

**I support HB1486 HD 1.**

This long-running – successful - program for Kupuna Care has provided much-needed services to support Kupuna who wish to live in their home environment. Activities of a kupuna’s daily living need to be supported by caregivers specializing in the care of Kupuna, and the funding needed for this program is instrumental to its success.

**Please vote affirmative** to provide additional funding to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care Program within the Executive Office of Aging.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify for this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Olah  
Resident of the State of Hawaii

**HB-1486-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2023 6:25:50 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Hearing:** Friday, March 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Via Video Conference Room 225  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1486, HD1  
RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM**

THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

**To:** Sen. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair; Sen. Henry J. C. Aquino, Vice Chair; Committee on Health and Human Services

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** of **HB 1486, HD1**, Relating to Kupuna Care Program. We need to continue to support programs that help to keep Hawaii's Kupuna healthy and well.

**HB 1486, HD1:** Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care Program within the Executive Office on Aging. Effective 6/30/3000 (HD1)

I urge you to support **HB 1486, HD1**.

Anna Filler  
Senatorial District 12,  
Email: [afiller@twc.com](mailto:afiller@twc.com)

**HB-1486-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/19/2023 10:03:34 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2023 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sen San Buenaventura and Members of the Health & Human Services Committee - I am asking for your support of this legislation that restores \$1.8 million within the Executive Office for Aging for the Kapuna Care Program that had been removed in FY 2021. This fundiing for home and community based servuces will ensure the neededd care to enable more of our seniors to continue to safely live in their or family member homes. Thank you.