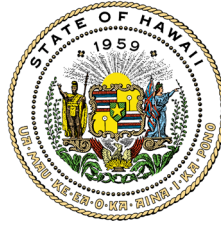


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1373 SD1**  
**Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund**

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
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Hearing Date: February 28, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

Room Number: 211  
Via Videoconference

**EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly supports the SB1373 SD1, Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund.

**Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to clarify the allowable revenues to be deposited into the Executive Office on Aging's Administrative Claiming Special Fund, 349-5.5 HRS. In 2019, the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) established a special fund into which Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) funds can be deposited for services for kupuna and individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports. MAC funds are reimbursements for administrative work performed by entities in the state who have assisted Medicaid clients or individuals eligible for Medicaid.

Currently the special funds are for claimable Medicaid activities performed by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) sites. This measure would increase MAC claiming and

add EOA programs, namely the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), who already provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

**Fiscal Implications:** The current revenue estimate for 2024 MAC claiming for ADRC related activities is approximately \$1,887,023. By expanding MAC to include EOA programs (LTCOP and SHIP), the federal revenue projected for 2024 will increase exponentially.

**Recommendation:** EOA is in strong support of this administrative bill, which makes a language change in EOA's statute (Chapter 349-5.5 HRS), to bring more federal money into the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

# THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



TODAY'S DATE February 26, 2023

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Committee on Ways and Means

Re: **SB1373 – Relating to Executive Office on Aging Special Fund**

Hearing: February 28, 2023, 10:00 am, Room 211 & Videoconference

Position: **Support**

Report Title: Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund

Description: Clarifies the allowable revenues to be deposited into the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund and the purposes for which the fund may be used.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz. Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

The Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has more than 2,000 enrolled members who are politically active and greatly interested in all issues affecting seniors in the State of Hawai'i and nationally.

The Kūpuna Caucus **supports** SB1373. This bill would allow the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special-Fund to administer and expend funds for services to help Kūpuna and individuals with disabilities who need long—term services and support. This bill would also bring in much needed funding from the Federal Government to support these programs for our elderly and disabled. Please support this bill.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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