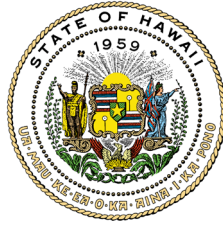


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1373
Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund

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EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly supports the SB1373, 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 that will bring more federal money into the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.