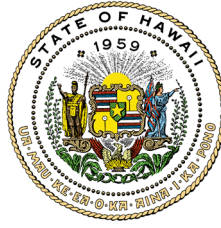


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1074 HD1
Relating to the Executive Office on Aging

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EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly supports the HB1074 HD1, Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Kupuna Care Program.

Purpose and Justification: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the definitions of "caregiver support services", "kupuna care services", and "respite care" in section 349-16 HRS.

In 2022, Act 160 combined the Kupuna Care and Kupuna Caregiver programs. Currently, as written, the definitions for "caregiver support services" and "respite care" only apply to employed caregivers. This measure will allow for all caregivers (employed and not employed) to receive caregiver support services and respite care. Additionally, the definition for "Kupuna Care services" will be amended to be available to all care recipients, caregivers and employed caregivers.

Fiscal Implications: This measure does not request an appropriation.

Recommendation: EOA is in strong support of this administrative bill. If this bill does not pass, care recipients and their non-employed caregivers will not be able to access services and supports under Kupuna Care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1074-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roberta Murray	Testifying for PABEA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Roberta Wong Murray, chair of the Policy Advisory Board on Elder Affairs, (PABEA) an appointed board which serves to advise the Executive Office on Aging.

On behalf of PABEA i am submitting written testimony in favor of HB 1074 which clarifies those eligible to receive Kupuna Care funds.

This bill adds ‘ caregiver’ as a separate and distinct category to the current ‘employed caregiver and care recipient’ designations. PABEA believes that the greater majority of the 155,000 caregivers in the state provide 24/7 caregiving duties to a spouse, family member or loved one at home without compensation. Many of these caregivers themselves are Kupuna.

HB 1074 would allow the Area Agencies on Aging to provide not only stipends but also respite care to unpaid caregivers.

Respectfully submitted,

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