



SCR183/SR118

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES AND THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

Report Title:

Adult Education; Seniors; Service Delivery; Working Group

Description:

Companion:

Package:

None

Current Referral:

HSH, EDU

Introducer(s):

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 (1:30 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **SCR 183/SR 118, Requesting the EOA to Establish a Working Group to Review Adult Education Services and the Potential to Provide New Learning Opportunities to Senior Citizens.**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year. **CCH would like to offer the following COMMENT regarding SCR 183/SR 118:**

- **We recommend that a senior center representative be part of the working group proposed in these resolutions.**

Why include senior centers?

On the island of Oahu, there are four senior centers that provide adult education and health education classes to provide learning and wellness opportunities for older adults. Combined, these senior centers serve several **thousands** of seniors.

For example, at Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center:

- Education offerings include topics such as Excel & iPad for Seniors and Leadership Training
- The senior center partners with other organizations to recruit seniors and provide space for offerings such as AARP's Defensive Driving and DOE Adult Education's Basic English
- Education activities are provided for over 350 older adults each year

On Oahu, the four senior centers that are not affiliated with C&C Parks & Recreation facilities are:

1. Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center
2. Moiliili Multipurpose Senior Center
3. Kapahulu Center
4. Waikiki Community Center

If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
COMMENTS ONLY ON
SR 118 and SCR 183, Relating to Aging
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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Human Services and Housing

Aloha

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Hawaii State Federation of Chapters, provides comments only for your consideration on SR 118 and SCR 183. We recommend adding a care home operator and a foster care home operator to the list of participants on the working group as these types of services are becoming critical for our aging population. These individuals could provide recommendations concerning new learning opportunities that might be beneficial to seniors based on their experiences in caring for seniors.

Mahalo for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully

Joyce Matsuo
1st Vice President/Legislation

About NARFE

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors. Founded in 1921, NARFE's legacy spans more than 90 years – working tirelessly in support of our members before Office of Personnel Management, members of Congress and the White House. The Hawaii State Federation of Chapters has 11 chapters that are located on Kauai, Hawaii, O'ahu and Maui.