

# SB 2066

**Measure Title:** MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SENIOR CENTERS.  
**Report Title:** Senior Centers; Grants; Appropriation; Health  
**Description:** Makes appropriations for grants to various senior centers.  
**Companion:**  
**Package:** Kupuna Caucus  
**Current Referral:** HMS, WAM  
**Introducer(s):** CHUN OAKLAND, GALUTERIA, IHARA, SHIMABUKURO



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers,**

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 strongly supports SB 964**, which supports a network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services to enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence and avoid costly institutionalization and have a history of state funding.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a State owned facility that was built as a model senior center for the State of Hawaii in 1969. The Center has been operated by CCH since 1981.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports funding for the senior centers at the amounts listed in the SB 2066. **We request to reduce the requested amount for the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, from \$185,000 to \$150,000.** This matches the GIA request that has been submitted and is based on the Center having successfully applied for, and received, a private foundation grant.

Senior centers are accessible and popular places where elders gather for social engagement and physical activity that contribute to their well-being. Places for **Fun with a Purpose:**

- A study published in the American Journal of Public Health, found that *interventions for loneliness may result in reduced doctor visits, which may also reduce health care cost.*<sup>i</sup>
- As indicated in Hawaii's 2013 Profile of Successful Aging, "*Supportive relationships, interactions with the environment, engagement in social activities . . . all have positive correlations on the well-being of older adults.*"<sup>ii</sup>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also advises older adults that "*regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. It can prevent many of the health problems that seem to come with age.*"<sup>iii</sup>
- A study published in the Journal of the American Academy of Neurology indicates that *engagement in leisure type activities may reduce the risk of dementia.*



Senior centers help to meet the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly (and often public funded) institutional care.

**The current cost of nursing home care for ONE individual is \$124,830 per year.<sup>iv</sup>**

**The cost of nursing home care for THREE elders is MORE than  
the cost of providing senior center activities for THOUSANDS of elders!**

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of SB 2066 to help seniors remain independent and active in the community.

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](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org). Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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<sup>i</sup> <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2014.302427>,

<sup>ii</sup> Executive Office on Aging – Department of Health, “Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii’s Older Adults”, January 2013.

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/olderadults.html>

<sup>iv</sup> [https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/cost-of-care/118928HI\\_040115\\_gnw.pdf](https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/cost-of-care/118928HI_040115_gnw.pdf)

Senate, Hawaii State Legislature  
Committee on Human Services & Housing and Committee on Health

Committee Hearing on **SB 2066 – Making Appropriations for Senior Centers (Strong Support)**

Thursday, February 11, 2016  
1:20 p.m., Conference Room 016

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice-Chair Gil Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services & Housing; and the Committee on Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 2066**. I am Sunday Kamai-Eguires, Program Director of the Moiliili Community Center Senior Center. I am testifying in **strong favor** of this measure **relating to the funding of Senior Center programs**. The Moiliili Community Center is requesting 60,000 for its Senior Center program.

Many of the programs under non-profits, like those assisting the elderly, face the anxiety of providing needed services to a rapidly growing (daily, over 10,000 people turn 60 in the USA) aging population with funding that has remained the same for over thirteen years, while costs keep rising.

The senior center programs at the different community centers (Moiliili Community Center-Senior Center program, Catholic Charities – Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and Waikiki Community Center) help the senior to remain independent at home and in their community; a cost saving alternative to being institutionalized. Being socially involved keeps the mind active, exercise classes help with one's physical fitness, learning new things and the awareness of resources in the community – all contribute to the well-being of the senior. These seniors not only gain personally but contribute back to the community in many ways.

I urge you to please consider programs and services for seniors to be one of your utmost priority areas.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and consideration.

Sunday Kamai-Eguires  
Program Director  
Moiliili Community Center Senior Center  
2535 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826  
Phone: (808)955-1555  
E-mail: [Sundayke@moiliilicc.org](mailto:Sundayke@moiliilicc.org)

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**SB2066**

Submitted on: 2/4/2016

Testimony for HMS on Feb 11, 2016 13:20PM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marilyn Khan	NARFE HSFC	Support	No

Comments: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Hawaii State Federation of Chapters, supports the passage of SB2066 that would make an appropriation for senior centers. Many of our members participate in activities at the Lanakila, Waikiki and Moiliili Centers. As the bill indicates, "Senior centers in Hawaii provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services that enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence, and avoids expensive institutional care. Our island culture respects kupuna and their contributions, and now, the senior centers are a way to recognize that contribution by providing them places to socialize and to hold activities that support their good health. Mahalo for your consideration of our comments. Respectfully John Priolo Federation President 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 and USPS employees, retirees and their survivors. Founded in 1921, NARFE's legacy spans 95 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 10 chapters that are located on Kauai, Hawaii, O'ahu and Maui. There are about 2300 members in the Hawaii Federation.

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 a.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 69 years old and live in Honolulu. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 7 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

I bring my 92 years old mother to the center. This is the best support program for me. I take care of my mother 7 days a week / 24 hours. — No help.

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Shem Kobashigawa

Address: Honolulu 96813  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 65 years old and live in Honolulu. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 2 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I learn new skills + make more friends, good for socialization + mental development + health*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Sylvia Ching Sylvia Ching

Address:

Honolulu

City

96813

Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 76 years old and live in Aiea. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 12 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*this is where I feel so comfortable, respected and loved. I've also learned a great deal from those who are a bit older than I, and now, as an older member, I feel that I am able to impart knowledge which I gained by being a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Mary H. Sueda

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City

Zip Code

96701



TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 89 years old and live in a house. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 15 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

There are so many activities available that stimulates our mind & body, also, ~~meeting~~ <sup>making</sup> new friends or meeting old friends. When I come to this center and go home, I am so relaxed and happy to be alive and not a burden to my family.

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Sally Joyce

Address: Kailua Hi 96734  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 76 years old and live in HONOLULU HI. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 13 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*We (myself & spouse) enjoy coming to Lanakila Senior Center. We hope to enjoy being here attend classes and chatting with other seniors.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Kay K. Joma

Address:

City

Zip Code

Kaneohe 96744

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 81 years old and live in Kaneohe. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 8 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:** *It has provided me with an outlet to sing. I enjoy the people here. My wife and I eagerly await Thursdays so we can interact with the folks here.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: FRANKLIN TOMA

Address: KANEOHE 96744  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 a.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 68 years old and live in WAIPAHU. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 3 1/2 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

I DID LEARN LOTS OF THINGS. ALSO I FOUND  
PLENTY FRIENDS. (DANCE, YOGA)

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

YOSHIKO KUMURA

Address:

City

Zip Code

WAIPAHU HI 96797

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 88 years old and live in Hono, HI. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 18 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I make lots friends & have some thing to do with them I don't have to be alone all the time.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Alice Aoyasato

Address: Hono, HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 90 years old and live in HONOLULU. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 23 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*HELP ME WITH PHYSICAL + MENTALLY HEALTHY*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: *David Young*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 85 years old and live in Honolulu, Hawaii. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 16 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I have enjoying every time I come here.  
I made many friends, I and I leased lot of things  
Thank you very much!*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Msayo Nihai

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip Code  
Honolulu, HI 96817

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 93 years old and live in Honolulu Hawaii. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 28 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*gives me courage and purpose to get up and do my exercise daily daily without looking by my family. I feel wonderful in spite of my age.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Alice K. Maeda

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip Code

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98517



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Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers

I am 88 years old and live in A HOME with wife. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 2 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*IT KEEPS MY MIND YOUNG.  
ALSO TAKE UKULELE LESSONS AND  
EXERCISE CLASSES SUCH AS TAI CHI  
AND FUSION.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

KURT SEKIYA

Address:

HONOLULU 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 71 years old and live in House (KALIHI). I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 7 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I get to meet friends. On excursions, exercise, learn about health issues.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Rose Yanagawa

Address:

Honolulu  
City

96819  
Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 85 years old and live in my home in Kalaheo. I have been a  
member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for over 15 years.  
*Valley*

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*It help you to be happy, energetic, socialize,  
meet all seniors, exchange some problems.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely, *Lillian Y. Gima*

Name: Lillian Y. Gima

Address: Honolulu 96819-3 96819-2906  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 87 years old and live in Kalihi Valley-Honolulu I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 25 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I spend many hours here, learning, participating in different activities, instructing a class in crocheting, socializing, exercising, etc. I enjoy my time here w/ friends + staff*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Gwen K. Perry

Address:

City

Zip Code

96819

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I am 85 years old and live in Honolulu, Hawaii. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 7 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*as a senior citizen I am able to participate in several programs & classes beneficial to me.*

*Thank you,  
Betty Taira*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely, *I do donate, generally yearly.*

Name: Betty A. Taira

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Honolulu Zip Code 96819

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 82 years old and live in Kalihi. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 4 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*Because for my health*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Sumiko Teruya

Address: Honolulu HI 96819  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 88 years old and live in Kalihi Valley. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 18 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*It keeps me healthy and happy & young.  
I enjoy all the activities here at  
the center*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Barbara Sakomaki

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip Code Honolulu 96819-7906

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 78 years old and live in Kalihi. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 5 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

I enjoy <sup>being a</sup> member and also ~~enjoy~~ different classes benefit to me,  
Thank you,

*Keiko Nakama*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Keiko Nakama

Address:

City

Zip Code

96819



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Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 92 years old and live in HONOLULU. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 30 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*It gives me an opportunity to have fellowship with seniors like me, a chance to associate with friends who understand my daily situation. I feel comfortable spending my time at Lanakila and its many worthy programs. It helps me to be active physically as well as mentally which is so important in my aging.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Tomie Higa

Address:

Honolulu 96822  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 90 years old and live in MAKIKI. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 6 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I get to meet all my friends*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: TAKAKO GOYA

Address: HONOLULU, HI 96822  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 84 years old and live in MANOA. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 3 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*This is the only time I get to socialize with other senior citizens + do other handicrafts, etc.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely, JEANNIE DAVIDSON

Name:



Address:

Honolulu HI 96822  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 88 years old and live in Hawaii Kai. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 23 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I see my friends, learn making less of other things*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Emiko Yoshida

Address:

Hawaii Kai 92627  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 96 years old and live in Hawaii Kai. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 27 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*a place for all seniors can come & look forward to all kinds of activity - to learn & enjoy.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Amy Tasi

Address: Hon. Hi 96825  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 68 years old and live in MOILILI. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 6 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*It keeps me young, Doing exercises and engaging with the LMPSC family is rewarding for my well-being.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

*Diane Kawakami*

Name: DIANE KAWAKAMI

Address: HONOLULU 96826  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 79 years old and live in Hon. 96814. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for a week years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*I learned to take care of my health. That is, to learn how to take the healthy food, instead of chunk foods.*

*I learn to exercise which is very necessary for our physical health,*

*to be socialized with different people; which I really learned to be out of my selfishness and be sociable to other cultures here at Lanakila.*

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Brigid Nakamura

Address: Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2066, Making an Appropriation for Senior Centers**

I am 86 years old and live in KAIMUKI HOUSE. I have been a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center for 7 years.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.**

**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

PLEASE SAVE SENIOR CENTER

**Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive nursing home care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

DORIS TAKARA

Address:

Honolulu  
City

96816  
Zip Code