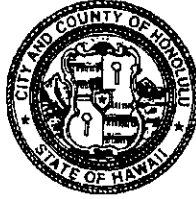


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AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

FROM: NALANI AKI, COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON AGING
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES~~

SUBJECT: ~~SUPPORT~~ FOR SB 528, RELATING TO AGING

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. We also serve as the designated Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for Honolulu.

This bill includes funding for important programs that support the needs of the increasing population of elderly residents in Hawaii. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers. We strongly support funding for SB 528.

The Kupuna Care program includes essential services that support the needs of the increasing population of frail elderly residents in Hawaii. These services provide assistance to frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services.

Services include adult day care, attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation. Each year, EAD on average serves a total of 2,600 seniors, with at least one Kupuna Care service.

We realize that funding is being requested by many programs; however, we are extremely concerned with the decrease in financial support that has occurred over the last two years.

Currently, we have 327 seniors waiting for meals and 178 waiting for homemaker

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TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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FROM: Sarah Yuan
~~Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs~~

SUBJECT: SB 528 Relating to Aging

HEARING: Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 2:45pm
Conference Room 016

POSITION: PABEA ~~strongly supports~~ SB 528 which appropriates \$4,145,695 for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Kupuna Care program, provided that any funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be in addition to and shall not supplant any portion of the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging.

The PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs) has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on its behalf.

Kupuna Care helps older adults continue living at home at a small fraction of the costs of nursing home care. Kupuna Care is funded by the State of Hawaii to provide services such as transportation, attendant care, case management, home-delivered meals, homemaker, and personal care services. In the two most recent legislative sessions (FY16 and FY17), Kupuna Care was funded for \$7.8 million/year. However, \$3 million of the funding for FY17 is non-recurring: the base budget reverts to \$4.85 million for FY18. Furthermore, the program was allocated \$9 million/year for several years prior to FY16. These losses in program funding occurred at the same time that the older population, and need for services, was and is growing. The base budget for Kupuna Care (\$4.85M) has not increased since 2001 while the demand for home- and community-based supportive services has continued to rise in the past decades. With the appropriation of \$4.15 million, Kupuna Care can serve up to an additional 3,600 frail and vulnerable Kupuna for a year (compared to 34 people in the nursing home setting).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Wednesday, February 1, 2017; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ~~ILWU LOCAL 142~~ ON S.B. 528
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 ~~strongly supports~~ S.B. 528, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care program.

Kupuna Care has been recognized as an effective program to keep seniors living at home (as most of them prefer) for as long as possible. By providing Kupuna Care services such as personal care, homemaking, chores, home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care, the State is able to assist kupuna to remain in the community and avoid institutionalization, which can be costly for the elderly person and his/her family as well as the State.

Many people who are forced to live in institutions like nursing homes are not able to afford the huge cost of such care, which can run \$11,000 a month or more. When their financial resources are exhausted, they end up applying for Medicaid. Taxpayers bear the burden for Medicaid costs, which are shared by both federal and state governments. As Hawaii's population ages and more require institutional care, Medicaid costs will eat into State funding sources that could be used for other programs and needs.

More money for the program will allow greater numbers of seniors to benefit from Kupuna Care services, but the \$4,145,695 for each of the next two fiscal years will help to restore needed funding for the program. Ideally, including funds for Kupuna Care in the base budget will offer much-needed stability to the program.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of S.B. 528. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for CPH/HMS on Feb 1, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 534. I am pleased to testify in full support of SB534, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program. The bill appropriates \$600K in 2017/2018 and \$6 million in 2018/2019 to develop and implement a program that provides partial financial assistance for family caregivers of kupuna. A voucher of a maximum of \$70/day will be provided to help partially cover costs such as personal care, respite care, adult day care, chores, transportation, and homemaking services. In 27 years of working as a public health nurse on Oahu I have seen how the burden of caregiving affects so many individuals and families. Many have had to quit their jobs, file for bankruptcy, and neglected their own health in order to care for their loved one. My parents lived well into their 90th decade. I could not quit work to care for them, so they became residents of a long term care facility that cost over \$19, 000 per month- until all of their assets were exhausted and were eligible for Medicaid. This bill will make it possible for caregivers to continue to work and keep their loved ones at home for much less cost to all in our State. Thank you,

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TO: Senate Committee on Human Services, Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, Senator Rosalyn Baker,
Chair

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 2:45 p.m.

RE: SB 528 RELATING TO AGING

To Chair Green, Chair Baker and Members of the Committees,

[REDACTED] support SB 528, Relating to Aging to restore the level of funding for the kupuna care program to what it was a couple of years ago. My name is Paul Nishimura and I am a resident of Waipahu. The kupuna care program allows our growing senior population to age in place by providing them essential services if they can't afford them. It is far more cost effective to support a person at home, where they prefer to be anyway, versus placing that person in a nursing home.

We must not forget our kupuna in these tight fiscal conditions. My wife and I were able to care for my father in-law as he got older and required dialysis. He was able to live a fairly normal life until his passing. I could not imagine what it would have been like for him had he not had anyone and was forced to go into a nursing home where strangers would make decisions for him. Our growing elderly population means that we need to address this issue now before it costs us even more.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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Waipahu

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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 528, Relating to Aging

I am 78 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

It is hard ^{for me} to carry heavy groceries because of balance problems and nerve damage to my legs. Also it enables me to get to medical appointments when I am not able to go on my own. So Catholic Charities van is not a luxury but a necessity. Thank you.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Rena Blank

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Transportation Service is important to me because: I am disabled.

NEED TO CARRY medium to large ^{Fragile} products that will be damaged on the bus.

NEED TO GO TO ACA MAKAHA FOODLAND, DON QUIXOTE,

Times, KUKAKA MAROKAI + Long's for TX + MILK. OR KAKUA. DOWN to BARTH IS A MUST FOR MY P.W.S.P. + PRODUCE.

NEED DIABETES.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: CHANELLE ALKAMINE

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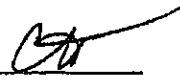
I am 76 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

I have to go to MANY Dr
Apptment & I cant see well
UVits both eyes, Nist blindness
this is the only way at this
time to get around -
This Service is so needed by
Me and other Kupuna's to get
around. All Services are needed
to keep our freedom to get about

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Thank you in Advance

Print Name: CLAUDIA A HALL 

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Transportation Service is important to me because:

Without this service, I would ~~be~~ at a loss to get my shopping done w/o anyone to help.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Mollie Robinson

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96803

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Transportation Service is important to me because:

cc van provides the only mode of transportation to my doctor appointments, grocery shopping and social activities I enjoy at Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior center... otherwise I would be stuck at home or be dependant on others... RECLUSIVITY is not my bag!

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Alice Sasano

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