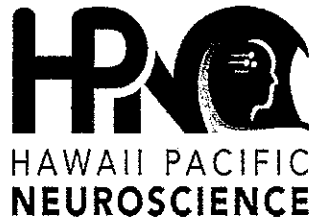


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RE: SB 532 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED  
DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 532.

From a reference point of view, I am the Director of Hawaii Pacific Neuroscience Institutes, Hawaii's leading and largest provider of neuroscience care consisting of over 10 neuroscience physicians and researchers serving over 25,000 patient visits in 2016. I am also the Chief of medicine at Castle Medical Center and Clinical Professor of Medicine (Neurology) at John A. Burns School of Medicine, Honolulu, Hawaii. I also chair the physician and research workgroup within the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (ARD) State Plan Collaborative under the Hawaii State Executive Office of Aging.

As a neurologist who care for patients with dementia on a daily basis for the last 25 years, I have had the privilege of knowing the needs of my patients and their caretakers quite well. I've learned firsthand how complex it is to navigate the State's public and private resources to help those with Alzheimer's disease. This puts significant burden on physician who would rather spend time taking care of them medically and on their families who are quite tapped out caring for their loved ones with dementia.

Coordinating these support systems is necessary to maximize the resources we have and to execute the State ARD Plan. Thus, I whole heartedly support SB532 which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health of \$80,000 to fund the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ARD) Services Coordinator position.

On behalf of our more than 2000 patients and their families with dementia currently being cared for at our Center for Health Aging, Memory and Brain Health, I thank you for taking the time to learn about these issues which affects our patients, their Ohana and their physicians in such significant way. Your support for SB 532 will make a world of difference for thousands of patients with dementia in Hawaii, their ohana and their doctors and I thank you in advance.



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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 532  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 532, which makes an appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position.

Alzheimer's Disease and dementia are extremely costly. The cost of care for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia are astronomical in terms of dollars as well as emotional and physical costs for the caregiver. Hundreds of thousands of hours are spent each day by caregivers, resulting in likely diminished economic security for their own retirement.

The impact of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia may be mitigated with medical treatment and medication for the patient and information and education for the family. A dedicated coordinator to provide information and resource referrals may help families cope with the ongoing stress and strain of caring for family members with Alzheimer's or dementia.

The appropriation being sought is a nominal outlay of public funds to address such a huge public health need. The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 532.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this measure.