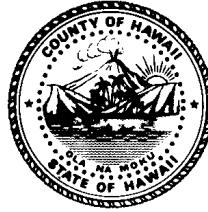


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March 10, 2020

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 2337, SD2 Making an Appropriation for the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Please accept this testimony in support of the intent and purpose of SB 2337, SD2, dealing with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

It seems clear that Oahu has been grossly underserved, and the neighbor islands almost totally neglected, by virtue of inadequate funding for this program. With our senior population growing daily, it is unacceptable for this situation to continue, now that it has been brought to your attention.

Please approve SB 2337 with a reasonable allocation of resources and an early effective date. It ought to become part of your base budget as well.

Respectfully Submitted,


Harry Kim
MAYOR