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HAWAII ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS (HARA)  
AND KOKUA COUNCIL, JOINTLY SPONSOR  
2018 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA) and Kokua Council will  
jointly sponsor their 12th

Annual Legislative Review, affectionately known as

**“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,”**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**at the Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325, from  
8:30 to noon.**

The public is invited to attend this free forum. Call 722-9937 or email:  
wongj060@hawaii.rr.com to confirm attendance. A continental breakfast and  
light lunch will be provided.

The Legislative Review is a forum to hear legislators discuss about how  
issues important to seniors fared in the 2018 Legislative Session, and to allow  
individuals and senior organizations to share their views of the session and  
those issues that should be considered during the 2019 Legislative Session  
and beyond. Members of the community and more than 30 senior and  
community organizations have been invited to participate in the Legislative  
Review to offer their questions, comments, and insights on the 2018  
Legislative Session. A lively discussion is anticipated.

Invited legislators include:

Senator Ronald Kouchi, Senate President

Senator Michelle Kidani, Senate Vice President

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health Chair

Senator Josh Green, Human Services Chair

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Ways & Means Chair

Senator Will Espero, Housing Chair  
Representative Scott Saiki, House Speaker  
Representative Mark Nakashima, House Vice Speaker  
Representative John Mizuno, Health & Human Services Chair  
Representative Della Au Belatti, Majority Leader  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Finance Chair  
Representative Gregg Takayama, Kupuna Caucus Co-Chair

**“Shining Light Awards” will be presented to individuals, who utilizing the legislative process have made important contributions as advocates for seniors and our community.**

**Priority Bill No. 1 HB1911 HD2 SD1 CD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH.**

Authorizes the Department of Health to investigate care facilities reported to be operating without an appropriate certificate or license issued by the Department. Establishes penalties for violations and for knowingly referring or transferring patients to uncertified or unlicensed care facilities, with certain exceptions. Excludes landlords from licensure, under certain conditions. **Transmitted to Governor**

**Priorities 2, 3, 4 HB1900 HD1 SD2 CD1 RELATING TO THE STATE  
BUDGET**

\$1.2 million for the Kupuna Caregivers program\* \$3.8million for the Kupuna Care program \$1.7million for the ADRC

\*Budget Proviso re this item: "Provided that of the general fund appropriation for executive office on aging (HTH904), the sum of \$1,200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended for the kupuna caregivers program; provided further that the executive office on aging shall limit the benefits for each qualified recipient to once per week."

**Transmitted to Governor**

**Priority 6 HB1916 HD2 SD2 CD1 RELATING TO HEALTH.**

Requires the Executive Office on Aging to biennially update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, include an implementation work plan for each goal in the state plan, and include information on progress made toward the goals of the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in its annual report to the legislature. (HB1916 CD1) **Transmitted to Governor**

## Summary of Objections to the Budget Proviso that limits Kupuna Caregiver services to once per week:

There are at least five major justifications for a line-item veto.

**First**, the proviso runs contrary to the purposes and provisions of the law that created constitutional questions as to how far a budget proviso can go before it crosses the line and represents an attempt to amend a law without the appropriate legislative process. It also suggests that the Governor could justify a **Line Item Veto** because the proviso violates or overrides existing law.

**Second**, the PUBLIC process was flawed. There was no public hearing on this specific proposal. From what we can tell, none of the major stake-holders were involved or agreed to it: Not AARP, not Kokua Council, not the organizations that have already begun providing services. Certainly not the County ADRCs.

**Third**, initial reactions are that this will cripple and negate the purpose of the program. Only one service per week probably is NOT going to convince a working caregiver to keep working. Six days a week their loved one will still need their attention.

**Fourth**, already many families who would NOT have been able to afford services have signed up and are now receiving the \$70 per day. This proviso will cut them off abruptly.

**Fifth**, for those service providers who have signed them up and have incorporated this program into their service capacity and organizational budgets, this is a body blow. For the Day care service providers on Oahu this will be especially harsh.



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**Who Are We?**

The **Kokua Council** is one of Hawaii's oldest advocacy groups. There is a \$10.00 annual membership to defray printing and postage costs. At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action. We embrace diversity and extend a special invitation to any senior or intergenerational minded individual interested in advocating for these important issues in Hawaii." All are welcome. **WHEN:** 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu & South Vineyard Blvd., Ample parking and a light lunch are provided for \$5.00 Donation. **REACH US:** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Mission:** "Kokua Council advocates and seeks to empower seniors and other concerned citizens to be effective advocates in shaping the future and well-being of our community, with particular attention to those needing help in advocating for themselves."

**YOUR 2018 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Board and attending community members elected the 2017 Kokua Council Officers and Board Members. Officers: President -- Jim Shon, 282-1509; Secretary – Kathy Wyatt; VPs: Barbara Service and Lila Mower, Treasurer – Barbara Service, 352-7779. Board Members: Charles Carole; T. J. Davies, tjdavies@juno.com ; Larry Geller, 540-1928; Lila Mower, Barbara Service, Helen Wagner, Emeritus: Sam Cox, Richard Miller.

**Website: [www.kokuacouncil.org](http://www.kokuacouncil.org)**

**JOIN KOKUA COUNCIL!**

Yes! I want to join Kokua Council. Here are my annual dues and my contact information. I understand that my phone number will be added to the Kokua Phone Tree and I will receive the monthly newsletter and occasional e-mails. Our fiscal year starts in January. Please make checks payable to **Kokua Council**.

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