HB 2151 – RELATING TO A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF THE AGING POPULATION

Chairs McKelvey and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Hashem and Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education and the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

As Dean of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, I am appreciative of the legislature’s recognition of the Center on Aging as a leader in research associated with aging. While we regard the task force as a step toward gathering necessary data associated with aging in Hawai‘i, without an allocation of financial resources, the Center on Aging is unable to convene the taskforce.

The Center on Aging is willing to contribute to task force efforts by sharing information (i.e., contact information of participants compiled for the previous HCR35 task force) necessary to convene the group.

We support the Executive Office on Aging’s position that financial resources are necessary to conduct a meaningful and much-needed review of the future impact of Hawai‘i’s aging population.