



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Joint House Committee on Health and Human Services  
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by

Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor

and

Dr. Kathryn Braun, Interim Director  
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**RE: H.C.R. No. 12/H.R. No. 16, REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A HOME FOR LIFE TASK FORCE TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO AGING IN PLACE AND TO FACILITATE MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING.**

Chairs Yamane and Mizuno, and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Dr. Kathryn Braun, Interim Director of the University of Hawai'i Center on Aging, and I am testifying in support of the intent this measure.

These resolutions request the establishment of a Home for Life Task Force to coordinate research and action to reduce barriers to aging in place and to facilitate multigenerational living. These resolutions also requests the University of Hawai'i Center on Aging to convene the first meeting of the Home for Life Task Force and provide any possible assistance to the work of the Task Force.

The UH Center on Aging currently has a contract with the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to be the statewide coordinator for the Caregiver's Resource Initiative. The objectives stated in these resolutions appropriately fits within the scope of work of this contract. Therefore, we will gladly work with the Home for Life Task Force to meet their objectives.

However, please note that if this contract is discontinued, we will be unable to perform the duties as directed by these resolutions as we will not have the resources to do so.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.