RE: H.C.R. No. 13/H.R. No. 17, REQUESTING A STUDY OF VARIOUS UNRESOLVED ISSUES RELATING TO AGING.

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 of this measure.

These resolutions request the UH Center on Aging and the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to continue to conduct research and analysis of important unresolved aging issues facing Hawaii’s older adults and their family caregivers.

The UH Center on Aging currently has a contract with EOA to be the statewide coordinator for the Caregiver’s Resource Initiative. The objectives stated in this resolution appropriately fits within the scope of work of this contract. Therefore, we will gladly work with EOA on continued research and analysis.

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.