



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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HCR 23 ESTABLISHING A HAWAII STATE FALL PREVENTION AND EARLY
DETECTION TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE APPROACH TO
REDUCING FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS.

Chairs Yamane and Nishimoto, and members of the committees, my name is Colette Browne, and I serve as the Interim Director for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Center on Aging. We support the intent of HCR 23. Falls are serious problems for older adults, and can lead to great individual, family and public health costs.

Upon further discussion of this measure with Dr. Wesley Lum, Director of the State Executive Office on Aging (EOA), we request the following amendment:

Designate EOA, rather than the University of Hawai'i Center on Aging, to convene the Task Force (page 2, lines 9-10).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.