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Legislative Testimony

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SCR 26, ESTABLISHING A HAWAII STATE FALL PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE APPROACH TO REDUCING FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS.

Good afternoon, Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the committee, my name is Colette Browne, and I serve as the Interim Director for the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center on Aging. The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SCR 26. 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.