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The Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
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SUBJECT: Response to (WASSP-1(9))

Dear Chair Sinenci,

Mahalo for your inquiry following my presentation on July 21, 2025, regarding the overview of the Aging Network and support services.

The Executive Office on Aging, an attached agency to the Department of Health, oversees the long-term services and supports provided under the Older Americans Act, as amended. Medicare is a federal program administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which is part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Medicaid, on the other hand, is managed at the state level by Hawaii's Department of Human Services.

According to an announcement on their website, Med-QUEST is currently analyzing HR 1 and assessing the potential impacts this bill may have on the operation of Hawaii's Medicaid program. As they continue to review the details and timelines of the new rules and requirements, the Department of Human Services and its Med-QUEST division reaffirm their commitment to the health and wellbeing of our people.

I highly recommend contacting either DHS or Med-QUEST to inquire about available statistics, assessments, or anticipated plans regarding the overall impacts of Medicare and Medicaid changes on kūpuna—specifically those aged 60 to 64 who are currently covered by Medicaid.

Thank you for the opportunity to share information about our long-term services and supports. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

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Hi WASSP Committee – Please see attached response to WASSP-1(9) from Director Cadirao of the Executive Office on Aging. Thank you.

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