



*TESTIMONY OF COMMISSIONER EDITH PRAGUE  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE*

*MARCH 4, 2014*

Senator Slossberg, Representative Abercrombie, Senator Markley, Representative Wood and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Edith Prague. I am the Commissioner of the State Department on Aging. I am also the former Senator from the 19<sup>th</sup> district. I would like to offer written testimony in opposition to Raised Bill No. 5324 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID APPLICATIONS BY MARRIED PERSONS.

This bill has been raised to ensure that lawmakers have adequate data concerning married couples who apply for Medicaid. It is proposed that the Commissioner of Social Services report this data to the Commissioner on Aging. It is not necessary, and in fact, is not proper protocol, for the Commissioner of Social Services to report to the Commissioner on Aging for these purposes. I therefore request that reference to the Commissioner on Aging be removed from the language of this bill.