

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1821
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1821, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to more adequately compensate care home operators by establishing a minimum level of care payment for types I and II adult residential care homes and by clarifying that domiciliary care includes care provided in developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, developmental disabilities adult foster homes, and developmental disabilities apartment complexes.

Your Committees received testimony in support of the measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii, the ARC in Hawaii, the Alliance of Residential Care Administrators, the Hawaii Coalition of Care Home Administrators, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the United Group of Care Home Operators, and approximately two hundred and fifty-five individuals. The Department of Human Services and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities support the intent of this measure, but prefer the provisions of Senate Bill No. 3247, S.D. 2. The Department of Health submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committees find that it is important for individuals with developmental disabilities to have adequate access to



residential housing. Domiciliary homes and apartment complexes offer assisted living services that enable these individuals to prosper in their communities. However, a lack of funding has forced many of these homes and complexes to close.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that domiciliary care includes care provided in licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified developmental disabilities adult foster homes;
- (2) Establishing a minimum level of care payment for types I and II adult residential care homes;
- (3) Directing the Department of Human Services to authorize a one-time payment on July 1, 2006, and thereafter as the Department determines a need, for resident clients receiving supplemental security income in adult residential care home types I and II;
- (4) Making an appropriation for continued operation of developmental disabilities domiciliary homes and developmental disabilities apartment complexes; and
- (5) By making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1821, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1821, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
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Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HB 1821 HD2	Committee Referral: HMS/HTH, WAM	Date: 3/15/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	✓
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.