

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 , 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3247
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 3247, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the continuation of care homes and the availability of care homes to Medicaid recipients.

This measure increases the maximum capacity for adult family boarding homes and care homes from five to six non-family members and increases the authorized number of non-family member residents who may be incapable of self-preservation from two to three. It also enables the Department of Health to allow at its discretion an additional resident in certain Adult Residential Care Homes.



Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure as follows:

- (A) For Type I homes, authorizing the Department of Health to allow up to six residents at its discretion, provided that the primary caregiver or home operator is a certified nurse aide who has completed a state-approved training program and other training required by the Department;
- (B) For Community Care Foster Family Homes, the Department may certify the home for a third adult at its discretion, provided that the resident is at the nursing level of care and a medicaid recipient, and provided further that the primary and substitute caregivers are certified nurse aides who have completed a state-approved training program and other training required by the Department;
- (C) Removing the requirement that increased capacity for a Type II home include at least one bed reserved for Medicaid patients;
- (D) Deleting the section repealing the sunset provisions of Act 273, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, as amended by Acts 95 and 98, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, and Act 153, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004;
- (E) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2007; and
- (F) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee on Conference intends the Department of Health to include its "Critical Thinking and Judgment" and the "Behavior Management" training modules as part of the "other training required by the Department" with respect to the Adult Residential Care Homes expansion.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3247, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3247, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



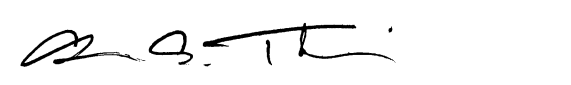
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