
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE ADULT RESIDENTIAL
CARE HOME OPERATORS WITH GREATER LEVELS OF SERVICE AND
CONSIDERATION TO ASSIST THEM IN PROVIDING CARE FOR ADULTS.

1 WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) operators
2 provide an invaluable service to the greater community; and

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4 WHEREAS, ARCHs save taxpayers substantial sums of money
5 that would otherwise be expended for the care of the elderly and
6 disabled, if they were to become wards of the State; and

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8 WHEREAS, many operators are beset by many challenges such
9 as the high cost of liability insurance that threaten their
10 continued existence; and

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12 WHEREAS, caring for the elderly and infirm is an honorable
13 profession that is becoming increasingly necessary in the face
14 of Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and

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16 WHEREAS, with the cost of living in Hawaii it has become
17 increasingly common for multiple family members in a home to
18 hold down several jobs which leaves little time for the 24-hour
19 care an aging relative may have; and

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21 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020 one in four
22 persons in this state will be over the age of 60; and

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24 WHEREAS, many assisted living facilities are well beyond
25 the financial reach of some families who need assistance with an
26 aging loved one; and



1 WHEREAS, ARCH operators provide for all aspects of a
2 person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or
3 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with
4 those residents who no longer have family near to them to visit;
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7 WHEREAS, considering the difficulty of operating an ARCH,
8 and the tremendous services it provides to the State, it
9 behooves the Department of Health (DOH) to work with ARCH
10 operators to ensure a mutually beneficial and respectful
11 relationship; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2008, that Department of Health is urged to provide
16 ARCH operators with greater levels of service and consideration
17 to assist them in providing care for adults; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARCH operators have the right
20 to be treated with dignity, respect, trust, value, and
21 consideration as a primary provider of adult care and a member
22 of the professional team providing care; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARCH operators have the right
25 to proper training and support for the purpose of improving
26 skills in providing daily care and meeting the needs of the
27 adults in ARCH care; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that training, consultation, and
30 assistance in evaluating, identifying, and accessing services to
31 meet their needs related to their role as ARCH operators should
32 be made more available for those who wish to enter or continue
33 in this profession; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARCH operators deserve the
36 right to provide input to DOH in identifying the types of
37 resources and services that would meet the needs of adults
38 currently in their care and of their families, and advocate for
39 the same without threat of reprisal; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information concerning
 2 behavioral problems, health history, educational status,
 3 cultural and family background, and other issues relative to the
 4 adult which are known to DOH at the time the adult is placed in
 5 foster care should be made available to all ARCH operators; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DOH should have a staff person
 8 representing the department on call 24-hours a day, seven days a
 9 week, for the purpose of aiding the ARCH operator in receiving
 10 departmental assistance; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ARCH operators should be provided
 13 the right to copies of all information relative to their family
 14 and services which DOH has collected and is contained in DOH
 15 ARCH records; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
 19 and Director of Human Services.
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