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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED, WORKABLE POLICY TO PROTECT THE ELDERLY WITHOUT COMPROMISING RESIDENT CARE, AND THAT ENCOURAGES MORE PEOPLE TO BECOME ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME OR COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME OPERATORS.

1           WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) and community  
2 care foster family home (CCFFH) operators provide an invaluable  
3 service to the greater community; and  
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5           WHEREAS, ARCH and CCFFH operators save taxpayers  
6 substantial sums of money that would otherwise be expended for  
7 the care of the elderly and disabled if they were to become  
8 wards of the State; and  
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10           WHEREAS, many operators are beset by tough challenges such  
11 as the high cost of liability insurance that threaten their  
12 continued existence; and  
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14           WHEREAS, caring for ARCH and CCFFH operators' clients is a  
15 profession that is becoming increasingly necessary in the face  
16 of Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and  
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18           WHEREAS, with the rising cost of living in Hawaii it has  
19 become increasingly common for multiple family members in a home  
20 to hold down several jobs leaving little time for the 24-hour  
21 care of an aging relative, increasing the need for ARCH and  
22 CCFFH facilities; and  
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24           WHEREAS, assisted-living facilities are well beyond the  
25 financial reach of many families who need assistance with a  
26 loved one; and



1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020, one in four  
2 persons in this state will be over the age of 60, illustrating  
3 the critical need for ARCH and CCFFH operators; and  
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5 WHEREAS, ARCH and CCFFH operators provide for all aspects  
6 of a person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or  
7 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with  
8 those residents who no longer have family close by; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Departments of Health (DOH) and Human Services  
11 (DHS) have overlapping jurisdiction over certain aspects of  
12 ARCHs and CCFFHs, including licensure, inspections, and  
13 regulatory enforcement; and  
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15 WHEREAS, an ARCH or CCFFH that cares for chronically ill  
16 residents needing skilled nursing care will be subject to DOH's  
17 medical-based guidelines as well as DHS's policies based on a  
18 social services point of view; and  
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20 WHEREAS, subjecting ARCH and CCFFH facilities to two sets  
21 of rules and policies causes confusion, which may negatively  
22 influence a resident's care, and cause frustration to employees  
23 in jobs that are inherently stressful; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2008, that DOH and DHS are urged to work together to  
28 develop a standardized, workable policy to protect the elderly  
29 without compromising resident care, and that encourages more  
30 people to become ARCH or CCFFH operators; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,  
34 and Director of Human Services.

