
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND
COST REVIEW OF CERTAIN CARE HOME SERVICES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, adult foster homes (AFHs), adult residential care
2 homes (ARCHs), expanded adult residential care homes (E-ARCHs),
3 and community care foster family homes (CCFFHs), either
4 nonprofit or for profit, serve Hawaii's residents; and
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6 WHEREAS, these care homes are designed to provide safe,
7 humane, comfortable, and supportive residential settings for
8 adults who do not need to live in a long-term care facility or
9 require its services, but who require assistance or supervision
10 with activities of daily living; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Department of Health licenses ARCHs under
13 section 321-15.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and E-ARCHs
14 under section 321-15.62, HRS, and certifies AFHs under section
15 321-11.2, HRS, and the Department of Human Services certifies
16 CCFFH's under section 346-334, HRS; and
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18 WHEREAS, licensing and certification rules strengthen
19 health and safety protections for adult residential care home
20 residents based on current information and research and
21 incorporate state-of-the-art program concepts; and
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23 WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of the operational costs
24 incurred by AFHs with disabled adult residents, and ARCHs, E-
25 ARCHs, and CCFFHs, in Hawaii has not been conducted; and
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27 WHEREAS, a comprehensive review would be beneficial for
28 operational and administrative purposes; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2008, that the Governor is requested to conduct a
33 comprehensive study and cost review of services provided by AFHs
34 with disabled adult residents, and ARCHs, E-ARCHs, and CCFFHs,



1 in Hawaii, including the actual costs incurred to operate these
2 homes; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
5 include in the written report at least the following:

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7 (1) A comparison of the cost of operating:

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9 (A) AFHs (section 346-334, HRS) with disabled adult
10 residents;

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12 (B) A type I ARCH (section 321-15.6(b)(2)(A), HRS);

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14 (C) A type II ARCH (section 321-15.6(b)(2)(B), HRS);

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16 (D) An E-ARCH (section 321-15.62, HRS);

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18 (E) CCFFHs (section 321-11.2, HRS); and

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20 (2) A comparison of the costs for ARCHs that serve
21 residents who receive Supplemental Security Income and
22 those homes that do not;

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24 (3) A determination of costs identified to be one-time
25 costs and those costs identified as recurrent,
26 including staff and administrator training costs; and

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28 (4) An estimate of the annual cost savings to the State
29 arising from the placement of individuals within
30 ARCHs, E-ARCHs, CCFFHs, and AFHs with disabled adult
31 residents, as opposed to placement in long-term care
32 facilities;

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
37 assign any personnel from any executive department or agency to
38 conduct the comprehensive study that the Governor determines to
39 be appropriate; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
2 submit findings and recommendations, including any necessary
3 proposed legislation, in a report to the Legislature no later
4 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2009; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
9 and Director of Human Services.

