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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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  
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28 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020, one in four  
29 persons in this state will be over the age of 60, illustrating  
30 the critical need for ARCH and CCFFH operators; and



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2 WHEREAS, ARCH and CCFFH operators provide for all aspects  
3 of a person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or  
4 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with  
5 those residents who no longer have family close by; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the Departments of Health (DOH) and Human Services  
8 (DHS) have overlapping jurisdiction over certain aspects of  
9 ARCHs and CCFFHs, including licensure, inspections, and  
10 regulatory enforcement; and  
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12 WHEREAS, subjecting ARCH and CCFFH facilities to two sets  
13 of rules and policies causes confusion, which may negatively  
14 influence a resident's care, and cause frustration to employees  
15 in jobs that are inherently stressful; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that DOH and DHS are  
20 urged to work together to develop a standardized, workable  
21 policy to protect the elderly without compromising resident  
22 care, and that encourages more people to become ARCH or CCFFH  
23 operators; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
27 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

