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The Honorable Maile Shimabukuo, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 2136 - RELATING TO CARE HOMES

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Human Services and Health.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 2136**. The purpose of the bill is to appropriate funds to increase payments for level of care for Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH) types I and II, and licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care family foster homes, and certified adult foster homes by seven percent from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II beginning July 1, 2008.

We recognize the value of care and services that providers of the above licensed and certified homes provide persons with DD. ARCHs, DD domiciliary homes, community care family foster homes and certified adult foster homes are part of an array of residential options currently available for individuals with DD. They are an important resource in providing various residential settings to enable people with DD to live in the community. Any increase in the level of care rate of payment, whether by percentage or a flat rate, would help providers address the current cost of living in Hawaii.

The Council appreciates the Legislature's interest in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2136.

Sincerely,

Waynette K. Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

Testimony In Support of HB 2136

Relating to Care Homes

January 24, 2008 8:30 AM

Conference Room 329

by Thomas P. Huber

President, The Arc in Hawaii

Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

The House of Representatives

The Twenty-Fourth Legislature, Regular Session of 2008

Representative Shimabukuro and Members:

I am Thomas Huber, the volunteer President of The Arc in Hawaii and the parent of an adult with mental retardation.

The Arc in Hawaii **supports House Bill 2136**, which increases payments for level of care for specified long-term care facilities, including developmental disabilities domiciliary homes ("DD Dom Homes").

The Arc in Hawaii operates ten developmental disabilities domiciliary homes on Oahu, providing home, sustenance, care and dignity for forty low indigent adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The State has a dire need not only to continue these DD Dom Homes in existence, but also to encourage and expand the number of long term care homes of the types covered by HB 2136. More, not fewer, of these facilities are needed to address the existing crisis in long-term care of the ill, elderly, and disabled. And adequate compensation is essential to the continuance and expansion of these homes.

The rate of payment for domiciliary care has been woefully inadequate to fairly compensate the operators of long-term care facilities. In the case of agency operated DD Dom Homes such as those operated by The Arc in Hawaii, the level of payment has not been adequate to allow us to pay a fair and adequate wage for our employees who staff these homes.

Therefore, The Arc in Hawaii supports any increase in the level of support for DD Dom Homes and other long-term care facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

To: Representative Shimabukuro, Chair
Representative Rhoads, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services & Housing

From: Miriam, President of the Big Island Residential Care Home Association

Date: January 24, 2008

Subject: Support of HB 2136

Honorable Chairperson and members of the committee;

My name is Miriam Guerrero, president of the Big Island Adult Residential Care Home Hilo, Hawaii.

On behalf of all caregivers of the Big Island ARCH, I would like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to participate on this hearing. I come before you today to strongly support the HB 2136. As a caregiver we deserve for a better and fair compensation for ourselves, being caregiver exposes us how difficult and expensive aging and illness can become. It is hard to balance these needs and expenses. Caregivers need financial support because the cost of taking care of someone who are at home is high and always rising.

As a health care provider for 35 years I have been a witness to many things -- how our residents have been treated with dignity, love and respect, how they respond being one of a small group that shares a home, instead of being in a sterile clinical setting. I felt the friendship, the joy and happiness, and the freedom that the resident may engage in while they are in our home.

I am sure that all of you here today value your older family members, not only are they sources of wisdom, but sources of inspiration and wellspring of love and affection. We will surely like to see them in an environment where they are comfortable and safe, and where they are healthy and quality cared for.

To all our respected legislators, this is the time that we really need your kokua and support. I urge your consideration of this Bill because there are so many people in our community who want to stay at home and do not want to be part of the overburdened Hospital System. Please help make this possible, supplying caregivers with the money we need to take care of this individual.

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As dedicated caregivers of the Big Island ARCH, we are united to support the HB 2136 7% increase payment. Current income per resident is \$1,226.90. Herewith is a breakdown of a prorated monthly expenses:

Food	\$3.50 per meal 3x daily \$10.50 x 30 days	\$315.00
Snacks	\$1.00 x 3 meals \$3.00x30=	\$ 90.00
1. Utilities:		
• Electricity		\$40.00
• Telephone		\$25.00
• Water		\$25.00
• Gasoline		\$125.00
2. Housing		
Regular bed		\$500.00
4. Car/Transportation /Insurance registration		\$325.00
5. Substitute Caregiver (at least 1x a week)\$10.00x 4 weeks		\$480.00
Substitute needed when shopping for grocery, medical appointment, ER etc		
6. In-Service fee DOH mandatory requirement, CPR,FA		\$120.00
7. Services/Labor		\$950
(bathing, personal hygiene, ADL etc. household chores(preparing meals, washing dishes, housekeeping, fixing beds and linens, cleaning bathroom, grocery shopping, to and fro doctor appointment, recreational places.		
8. Supplies (washing detergents, chlorox, bathroom tissues, paper towels, hand soap, deodorant for bathroom		\$35.00
9. In-kind expenses (flat tire, water leaks, electrical problem, car trouble etc.		\$200
10. Mandated Auto Insurance coverage		
11. G.E. Tax-----		4%

Thank you so much for listening to our testimony and we are hopeful for your kindness and consideration with regards to this matter. God bless.

Miriam Guerrero-President of the Big Island ARCH.

- 16 Miriam S. Guerrero
- 17 Jessie P. Paula
- 18 Cristeta Jim
- 19. Herminia Saldaña
- 20. Clara Gabriel
- 21. Teresita Cosil
- 22. Olivia Santos
- 23. Gerardo M. Tuiaco
- 24. Anita Laurela Gomez
- 25. Myrna Baptista
- 26. Faye Anastasio

DULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

Menu No. _____ Date Revised _____ Date Menu Used: _____

	MEAL PLAN	Sunday	Amt	Monday	Amt	Tuesday	Amt	Wednesday	Amt	Thursday	Amt	Friday	Amt	Saturday	Amt
Time: Breakfast	H-C Fruit 1/2 C 1/2 WG cereal 1 oz Nonfat Milk 1 C Fluid 3 C + Sugar 2 tsp	Orange Juice FTD Oatmeal Skim Milk Coffee Water Sugar	1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 2t	Banana FTD cream of wheat Skim milk Coffee Water Sugar	1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 2t	Cantaloupe WG waffle Skim milk Tea, Coffee, Water Syrup	1/2 C 1 pc 1 C 3 C 2 tsp	Orange juice FTD Oatmeal Skim milk Coffee, water Sugar	6 oz 1/2 C 1 C 2 C 2t	Strawberry Wheat toast Skim milk Water, tea, coffee Sugar	1/2 C 1 sl 1 C 2 C 2t	Honeydew Melon Ful Oatmeal Skim milk Coffee Tea Sugar	1 C 1/2 C 1 C 2 C 2 T	Mango Ful Bran Flakes Skim Milk Tea, Water Coffee Sugar	1 C 1/2 C 2 C 1 C 2 T
Time: Lunch	Lean Meat 2 oz Starchy Veg 1/2 C H-K Veg 1/2 C H-Fruit 1/2 C W Grain 2 oz 2% Milk 1 C Healthy oil 2 tsp Fluid 3 C	Baked fish Yellow squash Lemon/ tomato Molasses WG Bread 2% Milk Soft Margarine Tea, Water	2 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 sl 1 C 2t 2 c	One fish filet Corn Lettuce tomato Fench WG bread 2% Milk Salad dressing Water/tea	2 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 2 Sl 1 C 2t 2 C	Skinless chicken Potatoes Papaya White Rice 2% Milk Margarine Water, Tea	2 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 2 C	Turkey Yellow squash Tomatoes Banana White rice 2% milk Mayonaise Water, tea	1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 2 T 2 C	Chin Chowder Tomato/Lettuce Papaya WW bread 2% milk Ranch dressing Tea Water	2 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 sl 1 C 2 T 1 C 1 C	Luau Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable Fruit Cocktail 2% Milk w/ bread Salad Dressing Water Coffee Tea	10 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 2 T 1 C 1 C	Lean Hamburger Coco Chowder Potatoes Tomatoes, Lettuce, Nectarine White Bread 2% Milk Water Tea	2 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 1 C
Time: Dinner	Lean Meat 3 oz Legume Veg 1/2 C H-A Veg 1/2 C H-C Fruit 1/2 C Grain 2 oz 2% Milk 1 C Healthy Oil 3 tsp Fluid 3 C	Tuna Romaine lettuce Kiwi fruit White Rice 2% Milk Mayonaise Water	3 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 3 T 1 C 1 C	Lean short ribs Lima beans Asparagus Cucumber White rice 2% milk Virgin olive oil LS chicken broth Water/tea	3 oz 1/2 C 1 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 c 3t 1 C	Pork adobo(trim fat) Mung beans Candiflower Watermelon White rice 2% milk Mayonaise Tea, Water	3 oz 1/2 C 1 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 3t 2 C	Baked fish Kidney bean Pak Choy Mango White rice 2% Skim milk Creamy salad dressing Soft margarine LS chicken broth	3 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 1t 1 C	Lean beef patty Kidney bean Mixed vegetables Papaya White rice 2% milk Salad dressing Tea, water	3 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 2t 2 C	Deep Fry Fish Pak Choy White Rice Cantaloupe White Rice 2% Milk Mayonaise	3 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C	Turkey Split Peas Ung Choy Strawberries Low Ben 2% Milk Mayonaise Water Tea	3 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 sl 1 C 1 C
Time: AM Snack	Fruit 1/2 C W Grain 1 oz Healthy oil 1 tsp + Fat 1 tsp + Sugar 1 tsp Fluid 1 C	Apple WG Bread Soft margarine Jelly Tea	1/2 c 1t 1t 1t 1c	Grapes WG english muffin Soft margarine Honey Tea Water	1/2 C 1 sl 1t 1t 1t 1 C	Peaches WG English muffin Soft margarine Half & half Jelly Water	1/2 C 1/2 1t 2t 1t 1 C	WG cracker Soft margarine Sugar Tea	3 pc 1t 1t 1 C	Fruit cocktail Small roll Soft margarine Sugar Tea	1/2 C 1 sl 1t 1 C	Banana English Muffin Margarine Soft Jelly Tea	1/2 C 1/2 C 1 T 1 T 1 C	Apple Sauce Low Engel Soft Marga. Jam Water	1/2 C 1/2 sl 1 T 1 T 1 C
Time: PM Snack	Veg 1/2 C Grain 1 oz + Fat 1 tsp Fluid 1 C	Carrots WG Soft Cracker Mayonaise LS V-S	1/2 c 3pc 1t 6 oz	Green salad LF croissants French Dressing Water	1/2 C 1/2 C 1t 1 C	LS mixed vegetables Small rolls Salad dressing LS chicken broth Water	1/2 C 1 sl 1t 1 C 1 C	Green beans White bread Soft margarine Fruit punch Water	1/2 C 1 sl 1t 1 C 1 C	Caesar salad LF croissants Olive oil Water	1/2 C 1/2 C 1t 1 C	Pasta Salad Mixed Veg Pasta LF Italian Dressing Water	1/2 C 1/2 C 1/2 C 2 T 1 C	Broccoli LF Croissants Ranch Dressing Tea	1/2 C 1 T 1 C
Time: HS Snack	Lean Meat 1 oz Veg 1/2 C Fluid 2 C + 5 tsp added sugar	LF Peanut Butter Mixed Veg Water Soda	1 Oz 1/2 c 1o 6oz	Egg drop soup Celery sticks Goya nectar Water	1 Oz 1/2 C 5 oz 1 C	Tuna fish Lettuce Soda Water	1 oz 1/2 C 6 oz 1 C	Turkey (diced) Mushroom Passion orange juice	1 oz 1/2 C 6 oz 1 c	Ham Celery sticks Fruit punch Water	1 oz 1/2 C 6 oz 1 C	Baked boneless skinless Chicken Coco Cranberry Juice Water	1 oz 1/2 C 1/2 C 1 C	Shrimp Mushroom Carrots Soda Water	1 oz 1/2 C 6 oz 1 C