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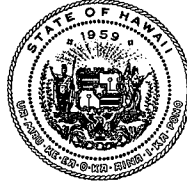
Measure Title:
RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Report Title:
Clean and Sober Homes; Licensure

Description:
Requires the licensing of clean and sober homes and the establishment of standard operating procedures. (HB2816 HD2)

Introducer(s):
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Senate Committee on Health

HB 2816, HD 2, RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

**March 17, 2008
1:00 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health cannot support this bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Two additional Department of Health FTEs and operating funds would be
3 required to license clean and sober homes.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The department strongly concurs that homes that provide substance abuse
5 rehabilitative services and care should be monitored and licensed, and that is already being done by the
6 department. Homes and facilities that provide these services in structured settings are called Special
7 Treatment Facilities (STFs) and (residential) Therapeutic Living Programs (TLPs).

8 The purpose of clean and sober homes differs from the purpose of STFs and TLPs; it is to
9 provide a home-like setting free of substance abuse as a step toward integration into the community
10 rather than rehabilitative services or treatment. This is reflected in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)
11 Chapter 46-4 (12) (f): clean and sober homes "provide a stable environment of clean and sober living
12 conditions to sustain recovery..." Per HRS Chapter 46-4 (12) (f) (3), residents in clean and sober homes
13 "do not require twenty-four-hour supervision, rehabilitation, or therapeutic services or care in the home
14 or premises." So, clean and sober homes may be viewed as a step beyond STFs and TLPs, bringing the
15 resident closer to becoming part of the community once again.

1 The basic intent of this measure may be to ensure that there is some oversight of clean and sober
2 homes due to neighborhood concerns about them. However, the department should not be considered a
3 general enforcement body for these issues; it is a regulatory entity as it pertains to provisions for
4 rehabilitation and therapy programs, and healthcare. It should not be licensing homes and providing
5 oversight to homes that do not provide these services.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sen. Ige, Chair
Sen. Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Health Committee

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Education Committee

Georgette Aki

March 17, 2008 Time: 1:00pm Rm. 016

STRONG FULL SUPPORT OF HB2816 HD2: Relating to Clean & Sober Homes

Aloha Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the committee:

My name is Georgette Aki, a resident of Waianae and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

It continues to be a concern when there are a number of people who are trying to stay clean and sober that seeks affordable housing and is able to strengthen their desire to sobriety that live without structure and accountability until it's too late. More often than not these so call "Clean and Sober" homes are operated by individuals who themselves are seeking recovery. Their ability to manage these homes comes from merely their own lives experiences and practicing principles rather than personalities. Sometimes those that enter into these homes are more fragile than what the home operator can handle causing the risk of relapse and potential situations to violence. It would be more sensible to have the operator of these types of home with a standard of operations so that the safety factors are addressed and the proper protocol of treatment whether intensive or maintenance is achieved.

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and request your favor to support this measure. For more information I can be contacted at 682-473

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Sophina Placencia

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Aloha Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the committee:

My name is Sophina Placencia, a homeowner and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Tammy Pi'i

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My name is Tammy Pi'i, a homeowner, resident of Nanakuli and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Stephanie Silipa

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Aloha Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the committee:

My name is Stephanie Silipa, a homeowner, a single parent, a grandparent, resident of Maile and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Susan Lopez

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My name is Susan, a renter, resident of Waipahu and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Clarkson Bulawan

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STRONG FULL SUPPORT OF HB2816 HD2: Relating to Clean & Sober Homes

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My name is Clarkson Bulawan, a renter, resident of Pearl City and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Kau'i Kapu

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My name is Kau'i Kapu, a renter, resident of Maili and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Rita Makekau

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My name is Rita Makekau, a renter, resident of Maili and a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan
Kanaka Maoli, Private Citizen, Recovering Addict

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Aloha Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the committee:

My name is Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan, a recovering addict, a kanaka maoli or what you would call a private citizen. I'm testifying in STRONG AND FULL SUPPORT of HB2816 HD2 relating to Clean and Sober homes operating under a standard that will assure public and neighborhood safety.

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