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Measure Title:

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.

Report Title:

Adult Residential Care Homes; Community Care Foster Family Homes; DOH and DHS Standardized Policy

Description:

Package:
The Filipino Caucus

Companion:

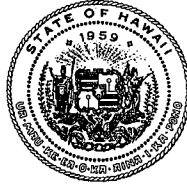
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File:

Senate Committee on Health

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

HCR 21, HD 1, 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

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

**April 18, 2008
1:15 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** Support with comments.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supports this resolution. However, it should be
4 noted that the statement, "WHEREAS, an ARCH or CCFFH that cares for chronically ill residents
5 ...will be subject to DOH's medical-based guidelines as well as DHS's policies..." is incorrect.

6 CCFFHs are not subject to DOH's guidelines.

7 Also, because the resolution is non-specific as to the areas that may require standardization, the
8 department shall inquire further regarding the concerns and issues. We are in agreement that, whenever
9 it is feasible to standardize policy, then efforts should be made to do so.

10 We thank the introducers of this resolution for bringing this to our attention and for the
11 opportunity to testify.