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April 1, 2008

To: Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and  
Committee on Education

From: Aina Haina Community Association

Re: SCR 202 and SR 116  
REQUESTING THE WILLIAM S RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY ON LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE  
IMPACT OF ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME FACILITIES IN  
RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Position: SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of the Aina Haina Community Association (AHCA) writes in support of this resolution which requests that the William S. Richardson School of Law study the county, state, and federal statutes and laws relating to adult residential care homes (ARCHs).

The AHCA is concerned that there is no procedure for public hearings or notice of neighbors or consideration of the impact on the neighborhood when ARCH Type IIs (which are allowed up to eight residents) are planned. ARCH Type II facilities are run mostly by investor-owners rather than resident-owners and are purely commercial facilities.

It has been observed that resident-owners of ARCH I facilities (limited to five residents) are good, responsible neighbors. However, for other facilities, there exists no procedure for residents to express their concerns regarding the appropriateness of the location for the facility, neighborhood safety, traffic, parking, or the proximity of facilities.

In previous years, the Department of Health and the City and County of Honolulu have determined that neither of them is responsible for the concerns of the community and residents are rightly frustrated by the lack of answers.

For instance, is it appropriate to have an ARCH Type II facility on a small dead-end street where Handi-Vans would have difficulty turning around and where there is limited on-street parking? Other types of commercial businesses in residential neighborhoods are either not allowed or restricted.

The measure would assist in determining how a procedure could be implemented to address community concerns, provide for public hearings, and notice of neighbors and still abide by county, state, and federal statutes and laws.

Please pass this resolution. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

March 31, 2008

COMMITTEES: HSP/IGM/EDU  
DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2008  
TIME: 1:15 p.m.  
ROOM: 016  
Measures: SCR 202 and SR 116

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Dear Senators,

**I urge you to support SCR 202 and SR 116 requiring the Richardson School of Law to study ARCH facilities.**

While the concept of the ARCH facility is a promising solution to a growing need, the state must regulate the number of ARCH facilities that will be permitted in residential areas. In this way, both the needs of our seniors and the rights and interests of home-owners and community residents will be considered and respected.

Right now there is absolutely no reason why someone couldn't buy up several homes in a row for the purposes of creating a commercial ARCH II business opportunity. ARCH II operators aren't even required to live in these homes, which opens the door for absentee investors as well.

I believe the City and State must work together to consider both the situation of our elderly and the justified concerns of residents about the proliferation of ARCH facilities in order to prevent unintended consequences in years to come. There are many difficulties brewing and this deserves an unbiased study. **I ask that you support SCR 202 and SR 116.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**testimony**

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THE SENATE

THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2008

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

HSP/IGM/EDU:

Dear Senators,

As a concerned home owner, I am for maintaining a standard quality of life that a residential neighborhood offers and in expectation of offering. I ask for your support for SCR 202 and SR 116 requesting a study of ARCH facilities.

I am very concerned about the effect of the ARCH facility in our neighborhood. ARCH II facilities basically represent commercial businesses disguised into residential neighborhoods. They enjoy all the benefits of a quality neighborhood at a discounted price, prime location, prime residential benefits and no business restrictions. Simple question, if an ARCH II home moved next door to you and lets say even on the other side of you and even in the future, the majority of the houses on the street, would your quality of your neighborhood go

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up or down. If they don't appear on your street but on another street, you won't feel the effect as much but next to you, you would definitely lose the chance of having a good neighbor that you can personally get to know, but rather you will be dealing with a business. No owners of ARCH II homes live there, they simply run it as a business but guised as a residential home. DPP and DOH lack the necessary guidelines or initiative to establish guidelines to administer these ARCH homes. The state needs to be proactive rather than reactive.

ARCH I homes are already in abundance, but the benefit that they have over an ARCH II is that the owners generally live there so they are still responsible and social neighbors. We can rape our neighborhoods by putting ARCH I homes, and now ARCH II homes, maybe ARCH III homes?? more half way houses, maybe in the future affordable housing in residential neighborhoods...etc. When does it stop, the state needs to have ARCH facilities away from or on the outskirts of neighborhoods..against or in back of a valley, somewhere exclusive, preservation land.....but not in neighborhoods.

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