
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO REMOVE CARE HOMES FROM
THE DEFINITION OF GROUP LIVING FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's population has been aging rapidly and the
2 number of elderly and disabled persons has increased
3 dramatically; and
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5 WHEREAS, at the same time, Hawaii's elderly and persons
6 with disabilities are finding it increasingly difficult to find
7 appropriate affordable housing; and
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9 WHEREAS, the elderly and persons with disabilities should
10 not be discriminated against with regard to housing options; and
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12 WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to urge the City
13 and County of Honolulu to ensure that it does not subject any
14 discriminatory treatment to the elderly and persons with
15 disabilities in housing; and
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17 WHEREAS, laws that discriminates against disabled adults by
18 implementing a spacing requirement is discriminatory since it
19 does not apply to similarly situated non-disabled adults; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii state constitution explicitly prohibits
22 discrimination against our elderly by prohibiting discrimination
23 based on age; and
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25 WHEREAS, if care homes were included in the definition of
26 group living facilities, there would be virtually nowhere an
27 elderly or disabled person could live in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
32 Honolulu ensure the availability of adequate housing for our
33 elderly and disabled by removing care homes from the definition
34 of group living facility; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council and

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1 director of the department of planning and permitting of the
2 City and County of Honolulu.

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