



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
P. O. Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

April 2, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 814, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO NURSE AIDES

Hearing: Thursday, April 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 814, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, is to specify the renewal period for the recertification of certified nurse aides and the number of continuing education hours required for their recertification.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this bill. This bill's provisions are consistent with DHS procedures.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

HAWAII COALITION OF CAREGIVERS

P.O. Box 2441, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804

April 1, 2009

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Testimony in **Strong Support of HB 814** – CPN – 4/2/09, 10:00 a.m., Rm. 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

Myriam Tabaniag
President
*Alliance of Residential Care
Administrators*

The Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers (HCCG) **strongly supports HB814** amending Act 226 (2007) codified as HRS Chapter 457A, which imposed various requirements on Certified Nurses' Aides (CNAs) renewing their licenses, to specify the number of continuing education (CE) hours required for recertification.

Lani Akee
President
*Adult Foster Homecare
Association of Hawaii*

HCCG supports the intent to require CE training for recertification of CNA's and believes it in the best interest of both providers and recipients of CNA services. CE training would ensure the proficiency of each licensee with respect to all necessary skills and enable licensees to remain competent in providing care to the public.

Esther Pascual
President
*United Group of Home
Operators*

CE training can be provided by state-approved providers to ensure the integrity and quality of the CE program. In addition to ensuring proficiency, licensees would have the opportunity to update or even improve their skills. For these reasons, many regulated professions in the State require CE; for example, 12 hours every two years for real estate agents.

Fred Dagdag
President
*Alliance of Residential Care
Administrators - Maui*

No compromise to the health or safety of the public will arise from this measure. CE providers can still ensure licensees possess the necessary knowledge and skills while at the same time giving licensees an opportunity to update, improve, or refine their skills. In fact, CE will result in safer and higher quality service to recipients.

Daniel Marcos
President
*Adult Foster Home
Association of Hawaii - Big
Island Chapter*

In summary, HCCG reiterates its **strong support of HB814** specifying the number of continuing education (CE) hours required for recertification.

Myriam Guerrero
President
*Alliance of Residential Care
Administrators - Big Island
Chapter*

Mila Medallon
Advisor

Very truly yours,

Donnie Juan, Esq.
Lobbyist

The Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers (HCCG)

Bryan P. Andaya
Advisor

By: Bryan P. Andaya

About HCCG

HCCG consists primarily of four organizations working in collaboration towards the common mission of uniting the home and community based care giving industry to improve the quality of care provided to elderly and developmentally disabled clients in various home and community based programs, as well as to improve the state of the industry. HCCG members include: The Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA), the United Group of Home Administrators (UGHO), and the Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA). Together, members of the four organizations have a membership of almost 1,250 and comprise about 70% of the home and community-based caregivers in the State of Hawaii.

From: Acela Garcia [acelagarcia@gmail.com]
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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 2, 2009
10:00AM

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 814 HD2 SD1, RELATING TO NURSES AIDES.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR,
DAVID IGE, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS

My name is Acela Garcia, 1st Vice President of the United Group of Care Home Operators (UGHO) and a caregiver for 29 years. The officers and members of UGHO are in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB814 HD2 SD1.

This bill is important because it benefits not only members of our Filipino community, who make up the majority of the certified nurse aide work force, but also all of Hawaii's people who are offered an affordable community-based alternative to expensive, institutional long term care services.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. Your help in its passage is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Acela Garcia
UGHO 1st Vice President