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March 7, 2010

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Representative David Ige, Chair
Representative Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016

RE: HB2157 HD1 Relating to Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of the Committee:

I would like to voice my strong support for House Bill #2157 (Increase of Expanded Beds from two to three in an Adult Residential Expanded Care Home).

Our state & our Elderly desperately need more ICF / SNF Beds. Moreover, the passing of this bill will help to alleviate the problem of not having enough beds to meet the demands in our institutional healthcare facilities as we witness the coming of what many have labeled as "The Silver Tsunami". The significant savings will benefit the hospitals, the nursing homes, our elderly consumers and their families as well as the care homes.

Thank you for the opportunity to Testify in support of this bill and for your consideration in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Gallegos", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron Gallegos

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I am Nenita Andrada-Jose, RN, had been in the care home business since Apr. 1996.

We professional caregivers in the community feel the need for 2 expanded beds be increased to three as there is more fragile, more disabled elderlies in the community who need help but we in the care homes can not take them in (after two expanded beds are occupied) as we are only licensed for only two. These elderlies would end up in the bigger facilities (e.g. nursing homes) w/c cost the families or the state more money while we in the smaller facilities are left w/ vacancies for months. We in the smaller care facilities are licensed by the same licensing body - the DOH, that license the bigger facilities

I am in support of ~~Senate~~ HB 2157