

## **H.B. 2157 – STRONGLY SUPPORT**

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT H. B. 2157 RELATING TO EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES = TO INCREASE CAPACITY FROM TWO TO THREE NURSING LEVEL RESIDENTS IN TYPE I EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.**

**CURRENTLY THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF ICF/SNF BEDS IN THE COMMUNITY BASED FACILITIES. NURSING LEVEL PATIENTS ARE BEING WAITLISTED IN ACUTE AND REHAB FACILITIES. PATIENTS WHO WOULD RATHER GO THE EARCH; TO SAVE ON LONG TERM COST (ONE OF THE REASONS) HAS NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO GO TO A “NURSING HOME”.**

**IN THE MEANTIME THERE ARE VAACANT BEDS IN EARCH’S FOR “CARE HOME LEVEL RESIDENTS”. CONVERTING ONE CARE HOME LEVEL BED TO A “NURSING” LEVEL BED, THEREBY INCREASING CAPACITY OF EARCH’S FROM 2 TO 3 NURSING LEVEL BEDS IN TYPE I EARCH WOULD HELP IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER SOLVE OR MINIMIZE THE SHORTAGE.**

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Health and Human Services Committee

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Testimony

RE: HB 2157

As a Certified Rehab Registered Nurse and Case Manager Certified, I am also a Care Home Operator for the past five years.

I support the increase of Expanded Beds from two to three in an Adult Residential Care Home. Staffing should be the determining factor of this bill. If a Care Home is properly staffed for the care and safeguard of the residents, then why not? The community need our services. Moreover, Department of Health require a Registered Nurse Case Manager to provide and oversee resident's care plan on their behalf.

Adult Foster Homes recently increased their beds from two to three. If they are allowed to do it, why can't we? In contrast, Care Home Operator go through more education and rigorous training in compare to Adult Foster Home Operator.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 2157.

Sincerely,

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RCVD post-hearing

Testimony for HB2157

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Rep. John Mizuno and Committee Members:

We, the Big Island Ault Residential Care Home and Adult foster Home strongly support HB 2157.

1. It is still better than an institution where caregivers ratio to a patient has more one to one attention in a true sense of care giving.
2. Consumers have more choices as to where they want to live, who they want to work with.
3. Majority of the patients in a Care Home are ambulatory so the number six patient is not a burden to the caregivers.
4. Care Home and foster Home are not in competition with each instead it's a complement with each other
5. In the Big Island Care Home operators whose patient/s deteriorates he/she can be referred to a Foster Home if one home can not accommodate that specific patient/s.

Thank you.

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