

HCR 62



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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HCR 62-SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS AND RECOGNIZING THEIR ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF HAWAII'S FRAIL AND VULNERABLE POPULATION

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health (DOH).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HCR 62** supporting caregivers and recognizing their role in maintaining the health and well-being of Hawaii's frail and vulnerable population.

The Council realizes that HCR 62 specifically recognizes the important role of caregivers of adult residential care homes (ARCHs) and adult foster homes (AFHs) within the acute and long-term care delivery system. We acknowledge that individuals with DD may require short or long-term care from paid or unpaid caregivers that include family, relatives, friends, and service providers in a variety of settings, such as family homes, adult residential care homes, DD domiciliary homes, and foster homes. Caregivers, whether unpaid or paid, family or service provider, living with family or in other residential settings, all play a vital role in the continuum of care for people with DD.

The Council asks for your consideration in amending the concurrent resolution on page 2, line 22, to include the Director of Health to receive a copy of the concurrent resolution as DOH licenses ARCHs and certifies AFHs. We join the Legislature in its recognition of caregivers through HCR 62. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HCR 62.

Sincerely,

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