

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 287

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 739
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 739 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide quality care for the elderly and disabled by amending the definition of "community care foster family home" to include the requirement that the primary caregiver must be a certified nurse aide and the substitute caregiver must be a nurse aide for community care foster family homes approved for a maximum of three clients.

The Primary Care Providers, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Services opposed this measure.

Your Committee realizes the importance of ensuring safety for elderly and disabled residents of community care foster family homes and finds that nurse aides have 100 hours of education before receiving the title of nurse aide. Case managers reviewing the skill level of nurse aides in community care foster family homes is another safeguard in place.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 739, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 739, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



