
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CARE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that residential care
2 facilities are an important option for elderly persons who
3 require living assistance, personal care services, and
4 appropriate medical care. Hawaii has a complex system of
5 residential care settings for adults unable to care for
6 themselves, including adult residential care homes, extended
7 care adult residential care homes, assisted living facilities,
8 nursing homes, and community care foster family homes.

9 The legislature finds that there is a division in
10 responsibility for regulating and overseeing residential care
11 facilities in the State. The department of health licenses
12 adult residential care homes, extended care adult residential
13 care homes, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.
14 Community care foster family homes are licensed by the
15 department of human services.

16 The legislature also finds that the State's home and
17 community-based residential care system would benefit from a



1 single governmental agency overseeing all aspects of residential
2 care facilities.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
4 residential care facility reform task force to determine the
5 feasibility of a single agency overseeing all aspects of
6 residential care facilities.

7 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a residential care
8 facility reform task force within the department of health for
9 administrative purposes to consist of eleven members as follows:

- 10 (1) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 11 (2) The director of human services or the director's
12 designee;
- 13 (3) A representative from a licensed adult residential
14 care home;
- 15 (4) A representative from a licensed extended care adult
16 residential care home;
- 17 (5) A representative from a licensed assisted living
18 facility;
- 19 (6) A representative from a licensed nursing home;
- 20 (7) A representative from a licensed community care foster
21 family home; and
- 22 (8) Four community stakeholders.



1 (b) The members of the residential care facility reform
2 task force shall choose a chairperson from among their
3 membership.

4 (c) The residential care facility reform task force shall:

5 (1) Assess the current allocation of responsibilities for
6 quality assurance across state departments;

7 (2) Review the standards and inspection processes for
8 residential care facilities and nursing homes;

9 (3) Recommend an integrated management strategy for adult
10 residential care facilities; and

11 (4) Proposed amendments to existing law necessary to
12 implement a single agency that would oversee all
13 aspects of residential care facilities in the State.

14 (d) Members of the residential care facility reform task
15 force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
16 for reasonable travel expenses.

17 (e) The residential care facility reform task force shall
18 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
19 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
21 2013.



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1 (f) The residential care facility reform task force shall
2 cease to exist on June 30, 2013.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes the residential care facility reform task force until 6/30/2013 to determine the feasibility of a single agency overseeing all aspects of residential care facilities in the State. Report to the legislature.

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