



## **HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER**

1132 Bishop Street, Suite 2102, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Phone/TTY: (808) 949-2922 Toll Free: 1-800-882-1057 Fax: (808) 949-2928

E-mail: [info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org](mailto:info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org) Website: [www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org](http://www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org)

### **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

#### **Committee on Human Services Committee on Health Testimony in of Support of H.B.2131 Relating to Community Care Foster Family Homes**

**Thursday, February 2, 2012, 10:00 A.M.  
Conference Room 329**

Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane and Members of the Committees:

I am Louis Erteschik, Acting Executive Director at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and am testifying in support of this bill.

We state at the outset that we have not seen any cases where a care home was closed or a patient was transferred under the circumstances described herein. Common sense would say that it would be shocking to remove a private pay individual simply because the Medicaid patient had departed the home. Certainly, care home operators can provide better evidence as to the reality of the situation.

To the extent this problem exists and legislation is needed, we certainly are in support. Transition in and out of care homes is a daily occurrence and it would be ridiculous to close a home or transfer other residents each time a Medicaid patient left the home. In addition to the transfer trauma suffered by the patient, we suspect it would wreck havoc on the operations of the home.

If in fact there is a question as to whether this can or does occur, then the legislature should address it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

