

ADULT FOSTER HOMECARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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LATE Testimony

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Testimony in **Strong Support of HB 769** – HUS – 2/14/11, 10:00 a.m., Rm. 329

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Jordan, and Members of the Committee:

Lani Akee
Immediate Past President
*Adult Foster HomeCare
Association of Hawaii*

The Adult Foster HomeCare Association of Hawaii (AFHA) **strongly supports HB 769**, which allows the Department of Human Services to oversee a three-year demonstration project permitting two private-pay individuals to live in the same Community Care Foster Family Home (foster home) under specified conditions.

AFHA submits this bill would result in great cost-savings to the state. While clients/patients requiring the same the same level of care in nursing homes command reimbursement rates of \$7,000/mo. and quite frequently more, foster home operators receive reimbursement of \$1,800 to \$2,500/mo. This disparity in reimbursement saves the State of Hawaii 66% of what it would cost to place the same patient/client in a nursing home.

By allowing two private clients under limited circumstances, foster homes could help alleviate the elderly care crisis plaguing the State of Hawaii. It would also allow foster homes to remain viable during these difficult economic times.

AFHA reiterates its support for HB 769.

Very truly yours,

Thelma Ortal
President

About AFHA

The Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) is the industry trade association of providers under the Community Care Foster Family Home program under the Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii. With a membership of almost 750 providers, AFHA's mission is to promote the interests of providers as well as resident clients. AFHA members provide 24-hour care to resident clients 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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Rep. John Mizuno and committee members;
Please Support HB 769

4. Admission requirements of two private pay couple are not realistic (Demonstration Project will end in April 22, 2011)
#3 Vacancy in the third bed must have existed for at least six consecutive months
#5 One member of the private pay couple has been in the CCFFH for the preceding five years has current medical condition that prevent the individual from being move out of that CCFFH into another CCFFH or other option
#3 and #5 must be omitted. Its not realistic. For the nature of patients going to CCFFH majority don't live long. If couple decide to live together at the last days of their lives on earth let it be. What else is left for them? Only each other to comfort one another with their aches and pains. How real is this? Let's put politics down and put reality check in. We should encourage more family unification and family togetherness and be more flexible on their freedom on where to spent for the last days of their lives

Thank for supporting HB 769.

Big Island Caregivers,
Noemi Arzaga (President)

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We would like to support
The House Bill 769

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