

# SB 2138

Measure Title: RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES.

Report Title: Medicaid Patient; Private-Pay Client; Community Care Foster Family Home

Description: Allows a community care foster family home to remain open for at least another six months upon losing its only medicaid patient, if a physician, licensed in the State, certifies that removal of the remaining private-pay client may result in transfer trauma to the remaining private-pay client.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS, CPN

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND (BR)

January 26, 2012

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** Marina Khrapov, MSW student of University of Hawaii at Manoa

**SUBJECT:** **S.B. 2138 - RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES**

**HEARING:** Thursday, February 2, 2012; 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 2138 is to allow a community care foster family home to remain open for at least another six months upon losing its only Medicaid patient, if a physician, licensed in the State, certifies that removal of the remaining private-pay client may result in transfer trauma to the remaining private-pay client.

**POSITION:** As a citizen of the United States, resident of Hawaii State and as a care home operator myself, I **strongly support** this bill and appreciate the Legislature's recognition of the additional demands that would allow a Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH) to remain open without removal of the remaining private-pay client after departure of a Medicaid client.

The amendment in section 346-332, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relieves stress from the care home operators, clients and their families. In our unstable economic times, it is not easy to open a new care home or to reopen one. A person who wishes to open/reopen a CCFFH must follow Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 17; subtitle Adult and Community Care Programs Chapter 1454. It would take about a year to complete all of the documents and requirements. Disabled and elderly persons have difficulty locating residences they can afford and feel safe. In the past, the State of Hawaii has recognized the need to protect the health and well-being of elderly and disabled individuals and has passed laws allowing them to choose where they wish to live and remain.

Passing S.B. 2138 would provide the private-pay client respite from the stress of moving that may result in his/her mental and/or physical health. It also protects the home care operator and her/his family from losing the care home that may be her/his primary income.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this manner.

Sincerely,

Marina Khrapov

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