

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

840

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 529
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all operators of assisted living facilities, community care foster family homes, adult residential care homes, expanded adult residential care homes, adult foster homes, and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes to maintain a sufficient amount of liability insurance for their operations.

The Adult Foster Home Association -- Big Island, Alliance of Residential Care Administrators, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities and several concerned individuals supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee finds that Act 266, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, required some, but not all, residential care homes to maintain liability insurance. By requiring all care home operators to maintain sufficient liability insurance, this measure will protect both the operator and care home residents in the event of accidents or other adverse events that may occur in the delivery of care.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



