

LATE TESTIMONY

ADULT FOSTER HOMES OF THE PACIFIC

TO : Representatives Sylvia Luke ,Chair Committee on Finance
TO: Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Rep. Johanson, Vice Chair
Members of the Committees

FROM: Margie Agliam- Former President of The Adult Foster Homes of the Pacific representing 1500 caregivers in Oahu including Big Island.

SUBJECT: HB 120 HD2(HSCR542)

Hearing: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2013
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Bill 120 H.D 2 is to Allows Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to post on their respective websites information of all inspections in which major patient care violations were discovered at certain care facilities and the order specifying the violations is final.

I strongly oppose HB 120 HD2. For some reason: 1. Posting of negative information regarding caregiver facilities, the caregiver, a person or entity is extremely invasive to Privacy and should be reserve only for the most heinous or grievous of crime. 2. Violations, No matter how minor, when posted in a website will present only the negative aspects of the care giving industry. That is so unfair and clearly deceitful of the general public as it will only give a distorted and one sided view, instead of giving the public a complete picture or the Quality and Conditions of Care Facilities in Hawaii. 3. Chairs and members of this joint committee, I also note that this bill fails to include a funding component. The budget of the Departments are already tight. Having the department to perform the work to comply with requirement of this bill will take away the valuable resources in their respective jurisdiction for a purpose that will not serve the public good. As a caregiver, for over 13 years our focus is to provide the best quality care and ensure safety to our clients 24/7. We are underpaid not even a minimum wage because we know that this program is under the state and federal fund. However, the State is saving million dollars a year if the resident is in the Care Home or Foster Homes.

The compliance of(CCFFH) Community Care Foster Family Homes is very rigid that if there is a violations you will be suspended and if you have criminal records your license will be revoke and the foster caregiver can no longer be eligible to become a foster homes operator again. In a foster homes every individual from 18 years old including household members we verify our fingerprinting, criminal history background checks, and Adult Protective Services (APS) to ensure the safety and security of all clients in the homes.

If you intent to push this bill through, please amend as suggested above and alternatively include all the good and bad inspection result in the website in order to give a true picture regarding the Quality Care and Condition of the Facilities in Hawaii.

For this reason I strongly oppose HB120
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

TO: Committee on Finance

DATE: February 21, 2013, Thursday

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: Conference Room 308

TESTIFIER: Wannette Gaylord

BILL: HB 120 HD2

POSITION: IN OPPOSITION

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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the committee,

My name is Wannette Gaylord and I strongly oppose HB 120 HD 2 for the following reasons:

It is not clear exactly how the reports of discovered violations during inspections would be posted on the website. The Department of Health's vague and sometimes frivolous citations may mislead the consumer and therefore divert a potential resident from a highly qualified community based care facility/home.

If a consumer is interested in a specific facility/home the consumer may request a copy of the most current inspection from the facility/home.

Community based care facilities/homes are small business' that save the State of Hawaii upwards of \$200 million a year. As the aging population increases the demand for community based care facilities/homes increases. Where will our kupuna age? This bill, how it is currently written, is detrimental to the owners, families, and employees of the facilities/ homes, as well as the kupuna who have the need for good care during their golden years.

If this bill passes, it will cost the state money (that has not been appropriated) for labor to facilitate the website, therefore costing me money as a consumer and as a small business owner. In these hard economic times, I feel that this additional expense is unnecessary.

If this measure passes this committee, in spite of my opposition, I strongly urge you to maintain the amendments made by the previous committee.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to testify in opposition to HB 120 HD1.

Wannette Gaylord