



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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January 30, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1693 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2014; 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1693 is to require the State of Hawaii to pay enhanced interest rates on late payments to an operator of an Adult Day Care Facility, Community Care Foster Family Home, or Adult Residential Care Home.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) respectfully opposes this bill.

The current law provides equitable treatment for all vendors contracted with the State regarding late payment. All providers are important, and DHS opposes preferential treatment for operators of an adult day care facility, community care foster family home, or adult residential care home.

Requiring DHS to pay providers a greater interest rate may increase State expenditures and require an appropriation or reduction in other areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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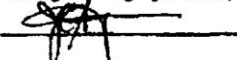
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For these reasons we strongly support HB1576 and HB1693
Thank you very much for your support and consideration.

Very truly yours,
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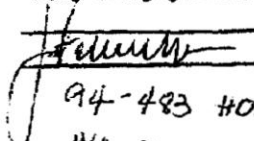
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Re: HB1576 - Testimony in Support, HUS,FIN
January 30, 2014 room 388 @10:00 am

Dear Chair Rep. Mole Carol, Vice Chair Rep. Bernard Kobayashi and Members of
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I, JANE CAITRAH, strongly support HB 1576 to increase the monthly board rate
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For those reasons we strongly support HB1576 and HB1603
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Very truly yours,

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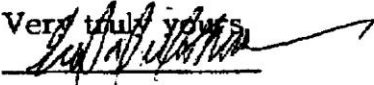
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Elma V. Tierra

Elma V. Tierra, President - Adult Foster Home of the Pacific



THE UNITED GROUP OF HOME OPERATORS (UGHO)
30 years of Excellence Serving our Elderly and Disabled

Testimony on HB 1693 for HUS
Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on HUS:

I am Linda Guting, a board director of The United Group of Home Operators (UGHO). UGHO was a member organization of the Hawaii Coalition of Care Home Administrators (HCCHA) that represents 500 ARCH's caring for about 2,500 of Hawaii's fragile elderly & physically and mentally challenged. In addition, there are about 1,000 adult foster residential homes that care for about 10,000 of Hawaii's fragile elderly & physically and mentally challenged.

For the past 30 years, UGHO members have operated residential care homes that provide assisted living accommodations in a stress free, small family atmosphere for their residents including the elderly and individuals with disabilities who otherwise would be unable to care for themselves.

The over regulation and extra ordinary over sight of this industry has raised the costs of operating care homes etc. and driving them to bankruptcy. Inflation the cost of living has also risen dramatically to its has driven many legitimate operators out of business since its driving up the costs of operations to the State is so extreme without a corresponding increase in payments to the care givers. This does a great disservice to the aged and elder who prefer the comfortable and relaxed setting of a private home instead of being institutionalized in a huge nursing home.

Care Homes, Adult Foster Homes and all other community based assisted living facility are barely making ends meet so any delay in their payments from the state can result in turn, for them to make late payments on their mortgage, credit cards, hurting their credit rating and increasing their costs to obtain credit.

Keep in mind these are community based homes and the residents and home operators are only mom and pop small businesses that have to rely on the own credit rating to survive. Care homes and Foster homes should be compensated for injury to their credit and receive 10% interest for all monies that were not paid on time

Thank you very for your attention.

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Testimony in Support of HB 1693

HUS Committee
January 30, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Hawai'i State Legislature

Measure Title: REQUIRES THE STATE TO PAY INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS
TO AN OPERATOR OF AN ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY,
COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME, OR ADULT
RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014.

To: Chair Mele Carroll, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi and
Members of the Committee

From: United Group of Home Operators

The United Group of Home Operators is writing in support to require the state to pay interest on late payments to an operator of an adult day care facility, community care foster family home, or adult residential care home.

We thank you for your time and humbly ask for your support on HB 1693.

Thank you,

Esther Pascual
Juanita Ulep
Shirley Magaoay
Roger Apuya
Levy Vargas
Marilyn Villar
Linda Guting

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Good Morning Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Myriam Tabaniag, Vice-President of ARCA, the Alliance of Residential Care Administrators.

I'm a Registered Nurse and managing two care homes in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

I strongly support HB ~~2130~~ 1693

With my experience of managing two homes, I would be in a very bad predicament if I was not paid on time by family members, POA representatives or the State. Every month, we budget for mortgage payments, food for the residents, their essentials such as toothpaste, bath soap, toilet tissue, laundry essentials, activity books and recreation to mention a few.

Average mortgage payments for caregivers like us run from \$3000.00 to \$5000.00 per month. Two months of non-payment will send us to bankruptcy and a "bad credit report" that will shut our lives forever. Late payments from the State has been from 3 months to 6 months. And this has been going on for several years. We only have but so much in our savings to cover the residents' monthly expenses.

For the care homes, we are paid \$1322.90 a month per one resident from the State. That comes down to \$42.67 a day in a 31-day month; which gives us a mere \$1.78 per hour. (Federal minimum wage is \$10.00 per hour.) Late payment penalty is very high, not to mention the interest that we also have to pay with the penalty.

We as caregivers cannot go on without being paid on time. At the present time, we don't even know if we will be paid. Legislators, we cannot live in uncertainty. We have to have the funds to serve our residents.

We are asking the legislature to please look into this matter, as we would also like to be paid on time like everyone else that works for the State.

I strongly support the bill and with high hopes that the State legislators will really look into this matter the soonest they can... Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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**To: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair and Members**

**From: Lilia Fajotina, ARCA President
(Alliance of Residential Care Administrators)**

RE: HB1693, Relating to Human Services

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2014

**Time: 10:00 AM
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

I fully support the HB1693

As a caregiver my self, I I know how hard it to work with our residents. I am not complaining because that's what I chose to do as my career in life. But it is disheartening when you are already working so hard, sometimes neglecting my husband and children, and I still have to struggle with my pay from the State because of always late payments. And I just don't mean days, I have to wait months for my paycheck.

Right now, I have 3 residents from the Adult Mental Health Division and 2 residents under the state, until now I never get paid for 3 months. We only have but so much money in savings to pay for our mortgage. And mortgage is not all what we have to pay. We have feed our residents, pay utilities, buy gas to bring them to their doctor's appointments; in the meantime, we may be losing our homes. There are caregivers who close to lost their homes because of the late payments of the state. When we are behind with our mortgage payments, the banks or lending institutions charge us interest and penalties by the thousands.

We are asking the legislature to please look into this matter, as we would also like to be paid on time like everyone else that works for the State. Please ask y our selves..." How would I feel if I was in her shoes..? I go to work so I can be paid, so that I can eat and survive.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify.