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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014  
10:00 A.M.  
Room 329  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2560  
RELATING TO FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Chairpersons Hashem and Carroll and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2560. This bill permits family child care homes on agriculturally zoned lands, if the home was constructed prior to July 1, 2014. The Department of Agriculture ~~does not support~~ legislation that seeks to establish uses and activities on agricultural land that have no relationship to agricultural production. We believe the existing special permit process described in Section 205-6 is the appropriate means by which uses such as that described in this measure may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.





STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
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February 3, 2014



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair  
House Committee on Housing

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2560 – RELATING TO FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

Hearing: Monday, February 3, 2014; 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 2560 is to permit family child care homes in agriculturally zoned lands, if constructed prior to July 1, 2014.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) believes that the majority of the properties affected under this proposed bill are under County jurisdiction and, therefore, defers to the Honolulu County Department of Planning and Permitting, Kauai County Department of Planning, Maui County Department of Planning, Permit and Application Fees, and Hawaii County Planning Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide [comments](#) on this bill.

**From:** Jonathan and Maile Davis <davisohana@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:24 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** HB2560 Testimony from Ha'iku, Maui,

**Testimony in support of House Bill 2560**  
Relating to Family Child Care Homes

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Chair  
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date  
Monday, February 03, 2014  
10:00am in Room 329

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Jonathan Davis and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a family child care provider who has provided services for families in our rural community for 11 years, I am in strong support of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

Obtaining a special use permit is beyond the capacity of most providers. The process is costly and time-consuming, and a number of providers have already had to shut their doors. If the law is not changed, many more providers will likely close, and many would-be child care providers will be discouraged from attempting to begin offering their services to the community.

Child care providers are integral to our economy because they enable Hawaii parents to work with peace of mind. Supporting HB2560 not only supports providers, but also supports hundreds of families in Maui County today and in the future, who need more -- not less -- options for quality care for their children.

At my child care home, I provide services for # families who rely on me to be able to work. I have been providing services for # years, and would like to continue to provide services for many years to come. Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

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## Testimony in support of House Bill 2560

Relating to Family Child Care Homes

### COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

#### Hearing Date

Monday, February 03, 2014

10:00am in Room 329

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Jonathan Davis and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work full-time as an Air Traffic Controller for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Kahului Airport on Maui. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

I am in strong support of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families— providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa

for you time and for your public service

Aloha no!

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**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
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**Testimony in support of House Bill 2560**

Relating to Family Child Care Homes

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Chair

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date

Monday, February 03, 2014

10:00am in Room 329

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Maile Davis and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a family child care provider who has provided services for families in our rural community for 11 years, I am in strong support of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural,

agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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At my child care home, I provide services for over 10 families who rely on me to be able to work. I have been providing services for 11 years, and would like to continue to provide services for many years to come. Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

I am saddened to think that I will not be able to provide services to the families I am currently helping in the near future. I feel like I provide a valuable service to families in my area. I believe part of what makes Hawaii so special is the fact that we can explore and create in the outdoors year round and being able to do so on Ag land with space is invaluable. I was recently Patch Hawaii's provider of the year, and in so have to believe that many other people believe and agree with me on how to help children become successful members of our community. I urge you to support this measure and consider the impact it will have on our community and future.

Thank you for your time.

Committee on Housing  
Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Chair  
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

Committee on Human Services  
Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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RE: Testimony in **support** of House Bill 2560

Dear Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committee,

Recently, it has come to my attention that the County of Maui is trying to shut down family child care homes operating on land that is considered/or zoned as Agricultural. I, along with many others, are appalled with this information. By taking an action such as what is being proposed, you will be putting many families' welfare at risk. By welfare, I mean the family's withstanding in general, not welfare as in aid received by the government

Please consider that by closing the many daycare facilities already operating on agricultural land, you will leave many families without daycare options. Many parents will need to request off or call in to arrange for childcare. Arranging for childcare is a lengthy process in itself. First, parents will need to seek resources to find suitable childcare options in their area(s) of preference. Second, parents may need to re-apply for childcare tuition assistance if the lapse in care is too far apart. While reapplying for childcare assistance, you should also note that the portion of assistance may change depending on the type of daycare chosen. Another note should be that there may not be availability in the preferred daycare. Parents will have different ideas on where best to place their child for care, based on their own morals and values. Third, children will need to adapt once again to a new caregiver and environment. This will cause anxiety in children as well as parents. At the end of this very lengthy and time consuming process, if the parent(s) are not comfortable with their options, they may choose to quit their job or drop out of school to stay home with the child(ren).

While this is not the most detrimental possibility, it is one that may have financial repercussions for a family in general. A single parent may have no choice but to apply for welfare assistance from the government because their daycare options are not suitable or there may not be any available options near them. Parents attending college are likely doing so in hopes of a better future for their family. This hope will obviously need to be delayed or given up until suitable childcare options are available for the parent. For those parents attending college, like myself, the outcome of having to drop out in the middle of a semester or after the refund eligibility period ends, will be consequential. Students are not eligible for a refund if the drop out of school or a class by the given date has passed. At UHMC, that date was January 17th for a 100% refund and for a 50% refund, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will mean that parents who may be forced to drop out will need to take a loss on their college tuition.

Having to deal with a forced close down of our chosen daycare facility will put a lot of stress on families already enrolled as well as possibly cause financial hardship for the providers of these facilities. It will certainly cause stress and anxiety for my family and I. I was a stay at home mom for our youngest, now almost three years old, for the first two years. When I finally decided to go to college and seek out day care, I went through a lot of emotions. First and foremost, I wanted to feel assured that my daughter would be in a good environment with a provider that would interact with her, allow play time, teach and be more than anything, extremely caring. My experience with my older children was not a good one and I was extremely fearful of putting my baby in a family daycare setting where the provider might sit her in front of the television all day or treat her terribly. I spoke to Rochelle, my current daycare provider a year ago and was almost certain, by phone conversation alone, that she would be a perfect fit for our family. I was very blessed that when I finally decided to enroll in college, Rochelle had an opening. Rochelle has had her daycare for nearly twenty years. She was a teacher before then for over ten years. Her philosophy of caring for our children as Jesus would and preparing them for preschool is very rare to find and perfect for us. I felt comfortable after I did a site visit and saw how wonderful she was with the children she already cared for. I chose to transition my daughter so that I could see how well she would take to the daycare setting and Rochelle. I was completely at ease after the first week of transition. We can see how much our daughter is learning by her behavior, the things she says and shares with us, the crafts she brings home and her reaction to Rochelle.

The idea and thought of having to find another daycare for our daughter is very scary. I am far from a parent that will put my child in any daycare with an opening. My husband and I have many standards to assure us of her safety and well-being while she is in someone else's care.

In all honesty, an agricultural land area is the best place to have a family child care. It gives children a lot of open space to play and explore, is usually far from dangers such as heavy traffic and speeding cars, will likely have animals in the neighborhood that the children can say “Hi” to and identify. I am in strong support of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. The county of Maui should consider HB 2560 so that they are not adversely affecting so many people.

I truly hope that the County of Maui considers its people and how an action such as this will greatly affect them before deciding on closing these family child care homes. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee. Please feel free to contact me at the information listed above should you have any questions, comments or requests.

Thank You,

Eve Balthazar

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**From:** Debbie Benton <shine97520@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:36 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Debbie Benton and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a member of the rural agricultural community for the past 7 years, I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes.

Debbie Benton  
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**From:** Anders Friberg <andersfriberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:13 AM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstimony  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2560

Dear Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees,

My name is Anders Friberg and I would like to thank you for considering HB 2560 and for supporting family child care homes in agriculturally designated zones.

I am a parent two little boys; one in preschool and one that currently attends daycare on Maui. The child care home has provided great service to 2 1/2 year old Oliver and to our family.

We live on the north shore of Maui and the child care is conveniently located for us only 15 minutes drive towards Haiku. It would be an added hardship to have to drive further just to find daycare in a different real estate zone. It would also be sad to see this particular child care disappear since it is providing great care.

Please consider changing the current rules so that these valuable child care centers can stay open.

Much Aloha,

Anders Friberg  
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**From:** Sherre Plumley <jspmaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:25 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of House Bill 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Sherre Plumley and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a Kindergarten teacher at Haiku School. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families— providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

Obtaining a special use permit is beyond the capacity of most providers. The process is costly and time-consuming, and a number of providers have already had to shut their doors. If the law is not changed, many more providers will likely close, and many would-be child care providers will be discouraged from attempting to begin offering their services to the community.

Child care providers are integral to our economy because they enable Hawaii parents to work with peace of mind. Supporting HB2560 not only supports providers, but also supports hundreds of families in Maui County today and in the future, who need more -- not less -- options for quality care for their children.

Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

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**From:** Heather Regidor <heatherkuleana@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:44 AM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** HB2560 -Personal Testimony

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Heather Regidor and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children have greatly benefited from the love and care they got at their child care provider located in the beautiful North Shore of Maui. I was able to work part-time as a teacher knowing my children had the best care imaginable. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

Growing up in the rural community has led me and my children to respect and care for the beauty of the surrounding land and it's people. It is conveniently located just 5 minutes from my home and saves me time and money by its location.

I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families, providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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Child care providers are integral to our economy because they enable Hawaii parents to work with peace of mind. Supporting HB2560 not only supports providers, but also supports hundreds of families in Maui County today and in the future, who need more, not less options for quality care for their children. I humbly ask for your support in allowing child care providers to continue in agricultural zones for the success of the many families that live and work in these areas.

Mahalo Nui for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

Heather Regidor

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“Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education.”

— **Martin Luther King Jr.**

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**From:** Mino McLean <mino@mauimino.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:35 AM  
**To:** HSGtestimony; HUSStestimony  
**Subject:** HB 2560!

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Mino McLean and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a Realtor (S). I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

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**From:** Zea Robbins <zealeilani@gmail.com>  
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Testimony in support of House Bill 2560

Relating to Family Child Care Homes

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date

Monday, February 03, 2014

10:00am in Room 329

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Zea Robbins and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a family child care provider who has provided services for families in our rural community for 6 years, I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

Obtaining a special use permit is beyond the capacity of most providers. The process is costly and time-consuming, and a number of providers have already had to shut their doors. I submitted my applications for both a special use and a conditional use application almost 5 years ago, the process is technically beyond my capacity, I do not have the skills necessary to do the research on all of the different aspects of impact that a business has on the land, community and water systems, etc... My application still remains incomplete. It cost me nearly \$800.00 during my start up and nearly broke me. If the law is not changed, many more providers will likely close, and many would-be child care providers will be discouraged from attempting to begin offering their services to the community or would operate illegally out of desperation.

Child care providers are integral to our economy because they enable Hawaii parents to work with peace of mind. Supporting HB2560 not only supports providers, but also supports hundreds of families in Maui County today and in the future, who need more -- not less -- options for quality care for their children.

At my child care home, I provide services for 9 families! They rely on me to be able to work. I have been providing services for 6 years, and would like to continue to provide services for many years to come.

Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii. We are more important than many people think...the young child is the future community member.

Sincerely,  
Zea Robbins  
(808)-281-5802

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Relating to Family Child Care Homes

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Hearing Date  
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10:00am in Room 329

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and Members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Ian Chan Hodges and I am testifying in support of HB 2560 because it seeks to expand the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care in the private residences of the providers. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities, particularly on the neighbor islands, family child care providers offer an invaluable service to working families—offering quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and Members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Shay Chan Hodges and I am a resident of Haiku, Maui, Hawaii. I have lived on Maui for twenty-two years, with the majority of that time spent Upcountry and on the North Shore. I have two sons who currently attend King Kekaulike High School, both of whom have been served by a variety of educational, day care, and recreational programs in this community over the last seventeen years.

For the majority of my years as a working mother in Hawaii, I have written grants for nonprofits in the human services arena. I also owned and operated **Maui Child Toys and Books** for six years in Makawao Town, and last November, published an ebook about the economic aspects of work and parenting called *Lean On and Lead, Mothering and Work in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Economy*.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with child care providers in the Haiku, Makawao, and Pukalani areas to learn more about the issues that impact their ability to provide care for the children of Maui residents. While there are a number of issues that create challenges for those who provide family child care services in their homes, the issue that is by far the most pressing for the majority of providers is the current requirement of a special use permit for those on agricultural land.

Most of the providers I spoke with who are on agricultural land do not have the funds, time, or expertise required to apply for and obtain a special use permit in order to continue to provide child care services. In fact, more than one provider has chosen to close rather than face losing her license; others are in fear of what the future holds as they do not see how they will be able to complete the permitting process; and I know of at least one who would like to move but cannot -- because almost all of the land in our community is zoned agricultural.

This situation is particularly upsetting because many parents prefer the family-style atmosphere of a child care home; most of the providers that I spoke with were highly qualified and many had been providing services from their agricultural location for as many as twenty years; parents in our community prefer the wide open country-feeling spaces of agricultural land; and there are currently not enough care options available for the families on Maui.

From my own personal experience, my work with families, and my recent research on families and the economy, I know that laws like this can have a far-reaching domino effect on our communities. The unintended consequences of policies that discourage qualified individuals from offering care to Maui's working families are numerous. In addition to reducing work opportunities for child care providers (in a still difficult economy) and creating barriers for parents to work and provide for their families, reduced child care options means that our community also loses out on the intellectual "working" capital of our residents.

In my ebook, *Lean On and Lead*, I present a variety of first person narratives and interactive data that describe what parents need to significantly participate in the economy while raising children. Individuals interviewed include working women, mothers, and fathers from around the world who represent a broad variety of occupations, as well as some Hawaii residents: Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui, Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, Senator Brian Schatz, and Maui District 2010 Teacher of the Year Emily Haines-Swatek.

The stories told in the interviews make it very clear how important the support of working parents is to our economy. Further, they describe in detail the vital role child care plays when it comes to parents' work options – regardless of income or profession.

On Maui, due to our culture and our geography, family child care providers play a vital role in families' vital support systems. In our efforts to support healthy communities, children who are loved and well-cared for, and a strong economy, we should be working to pass legislation that provides every possible support to family child care providers -- not creating financial and other barriers to their success.

**I strongly urge you to expand the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes.**

Mahalo,  
Shay Chan Hodges

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**From:** Chanel Hall <sbalberdi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:55 AM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** SB2560 - Exemptions for Family Child Care on Ag. Land

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Chanel Hall and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my child greatly benefits from the love and care she gets at her child care provider, and I am able to work full-time as a Sales Assistant for a Destination Management Company. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

My daughter would not be the person she is without Rochelle Alo's loving relationship she has formed with my child! Before finding Rochelle Alo I struggled with childcare providers who DID NOT CARE for my child as Rochelle does. I think it will be a shame on the whole Housing and Human Services Committees for them to even consider taking these loving, nurturing childcare providers away from out children that need them! These people are part of the "Village" it takes to raise strong, successful, independent, productive members of society and most of them live on Ag Land!

I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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**From:** Thomas Hall <hallt009@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:09 AM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** SB2560 - Exemptions for Family Child Care on Ag. Land

Aloha, My name is Thomas Hall and I have recently become aware of the hearing HB 2560 and the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a Grandparent, my Grandchildren greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, Because of this I am able to work part-time with Convention Services that drive a Large portion of the business economy in Hawaii. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. Currently I researched Care providers on Maui and some of the Very Best Loving Care Givers live in agriculture zones. Please consider this huge mistake to possibly close down some of the Very Best Pe ople available to love and help raise our children. I can't tell you how important this is for the island of Maui and its Growing population. Please strongly consider this Plea from the community.

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**From:** Sylvie Berg <sylvierauber@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:34 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Subject:** testimony for family child care homes on ag land

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees:

My name is Sylvie Berg and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a family child care provider who has provided services for families in our rural community for 7 years, I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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At my child care home, I provide services for # families who rely on me to be able to work. I have been providing services for # years, and would like to continue to provide services for many years to come. Thank you for your support and for making sure family child care providers have a voice here in Hawaii.

Aloha

Sylvie berg

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** suttonhealy@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for HB2560 on Feb 3, 2014 10:00AM  
**Attachments:** bill HB2560.pages

**HB2560**

Submitted on: 2/1/2014

Testimony for HSG/HUS on Feb 3, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sutton Healy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a parent of 3 children all raised in the town of Haiku on Maui. I send my youngest to day care which is located on AG land. I also was a day care provider and I own a home that is on AG land. In this area alone there are over 5,000 children under the age of 5 (public record). It would be absolutely devastating to hundreds of families in this area which is 90% AG to lose their daycare providers. Working families rely on others to care for their children so they can work and if they closed down there simply would not be enough providers in none AG zoned areas that could support the need. People would be forced to quit their jobs and stay home with their children. As it is now there is a shortage of providers in this area and people are on wait lists. This bill HB2560 must pass to allow day cares on AG land to stay open it would be too damaging for the well being of the community that we are so lucky and proud to live in. Personally I would take a huge financial hit if I could not work. This would be very very bad! Please help to pass bill HB2560 which will allow day care providers on AG land to stay open, we need this more than you know. Thank You, Sutton Healy suttonhealy@yahoo.com

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**From:** Llana Grossman <me@llanagrossman.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 2:25 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstimony  
**Subject:** Regarding HB 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees,

Thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. My name is Llana Grossman and I've lived as a member of the rural agricultural community for the past 3 years. I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. The more wonderful options and opportunities there are for child care, the more our community can thrive. We are discussing use of agricultural land zoned for supporting life and growing things. What more important thing could we possibly grow than healthy children, well-loved and well-cared for? Additionally, these are uncertain economic times and it is no secret that Maui can be one of the most financially challenging places to live. Additional ability to make income is always welcome and even critical for our island residents. And more small child care operations mean more support for working parents in need of these services. Obviously, this also means more taxes for the county which is also always a good thing. The way many of us see it, with so many benefits, we shouldn't go without this use of agricultural land ever.

Mahalo for your time,

Llana Grossman  
Mother of three  
Haiku, Maui

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**From:** Sanoë Cabanting-White <sanoecw1010@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:27 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSStestimony  
**Subject:** Malama Family Child Care Homes Bill 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Gregory White and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a Lead Baker at Down to Earth Maui. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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**Take Care & God Bless You,**  
**~ sanoë cabanting-white ~**

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**From:** Moana <moanaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:15 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Please support House Bill 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Moana Wietecha and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As an Auntie my nieces greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a banquet server. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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**From:** Cassaundra Jah <empoweredmidwife@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:34 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony; HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Bill 2560

**Testimony in support of House Bill 2560  
Relating to Family Child Care Homes**

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**Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair**

**Hearing Date**

**Monday, February 03, 2014**

**10:00am in Room 329**

**Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.**

**My name is Cassaundra Jah and my family and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work full-time as a midwife while husband works full-time as a PhD researcher for the Air Force. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.**

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Cassandra Jah, CPM, LM, IBCLC  
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**From:** Vanessa and Sami Ghantous <ghantoot@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:08 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSStestimony  
**Subject:** HB 2560

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My name is Vanessa Ghantous and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children have greatly benefitted from the love and care they received from their child care provider, and from the large outdoor area they had to run and play safely. Their childcare experience would not have been so well-rounded in a commercial childcare center, or in a daycare located in a home with a small fenced yard like many childcare providers offer. We made the conscious choice to have a childcare provider in a rural area with significant outdoor space, so that our children could be outside playing with animals, digging in the garden, and enjoying the beauty of our island rather than watching it from behind a pane of glass or a fence.

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Vanessa Ghantous

Makawao, HI

**From:** Janet Oshiro <janet@healingamulets.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:40 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
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My name is Janet Oshiro and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as an artist / jewelry designer. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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**From:** Hadley Lewis <hadleyhadley@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:14 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Subject:** Save ag childcares

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My name is Hadley Lewis and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work full-time as an elementary school teacher. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue,  
Hadley Lewis

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**From:** Melissa Dillitzer <melissadillitzer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:32 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Subject:** HUSStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Melissa Dillitzer and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a \_\_\_\_\_. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

I am in strong support of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work.

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**From:** Kawika Regidor <kawika.regidor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:54 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony; HUSstestimony

My name is Kawika Regidor and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a member of the rural agricultural community for the past 33 years, I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care home.

Kawika Regidor



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**From:** E Haines <ehaines@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:59 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Emily Haines and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work full-time as a teacher. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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**From:** Theresa HABERSTROH <kevlar\_h@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:10 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Theresa Haberstroh and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee.

As a parent, my children greatly benefitted from the love and care they received with their small business in home child care providers. I needed to count on and I was able to trust in the care my childcare provider gave. It was hard enough needed to go back to work after 3 months of my children's lives and I truly appreciated the chance to have my children with people who were of the same mindset-open spaces, outdoor play, a multitude of experiences on her Ag Land. Because I was able to send my children to a convenient, small scale child care with a person/environment I trusted, I was able to continue in my career as a public school general education teacher, in turn, taking care of older children and giving back to my community.

I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases. This bill is especially timely in that the kindergarten cut off date will be changed to Aug. 1, 2014, where all children must be five. Now more than ever, Hawaii's families will need qualified, experienced child care providers.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** carina11@msn.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for HB2560 on Feb 3, 2014 10:00AM

**HB2560**

Submitted on: 2/2/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
carina11@msn.com	Individual	Support	No

Comments: More child care choices are needed in our county, especially in rural areas, please consider the needs of our working parents who currently have limited child care options. Thank you.

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**From:** Daria Boone <dar\_kalia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:46 PM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** In support of Bill 2560

I am writing as a parent of a child who attends child care in an agricultural zone. My son adores the outdoors and gets an experience at his child care he wouldn't get anywhere else because of the atmosphere, care, and social setting Maile's daycare provides.

I am in **support** of Bill 2560 and hope you realize the many little lives that will be affected if you close many quality child cares on Maui. Our keiki depend on the outdoors for learning, need the freedom to run around outside and play, and need proper care by one of the best providers I know.

My son commutes with me from Wailuku to Haiku each day of the week so I can provide him with quality care, a large yard to play in, and the structure he needs to prepare him for preschool, kindergarten, and beyond. As a parent this is paramount.

Thank you,  
Daria Boone  
Parent of Kingston  
Elementary Teacher

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Marla Owen <marmaowen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 5:19 AM  
**To:** HSGtestimony  
**Cc:** HUSstimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of House Bill 2560

Aloha Chairs Hashem and Carroll and members of the Housing and Human Services Committees.

My name is Marla Owen and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a server. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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My name is Sadie Mossman and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a High School Teacher. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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My name is Sanoe Cabanting-White and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a Educational Assistant at Kamehameha School Maui. I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases.

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***Take Care & God Bless You,  
~ sanoe cabanting-white ~***

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Danielle Prieto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm currently a licensed Family Child Care home provider. For the last 5 1/2 years, my home has cared for over 20 children ranging in age of 1 month to 5 years old. I support bill HB2560. For myself and my family, we've been able to help our community by providing a Warm, Safe, and Loving environment for working mothers and fathers that can't stay home to care for their little ones. It's been a JOY to provide childcare to so many and our family has been blessed to do so. If this bill isn't passed I will need to shut down and six families will have undo hardship set upon them. Currently, it is already difficult to find good, licensed childcare providers. If I'm shut down, most of them may have to quit their jobs until they can find someone to care for their child. For my family, this is a source of income. In 2006, I was in a car accident that prevented me from doing the job I had at the time. From the suggestion of my youngest sons childcare provider and my doctor, I was advised to checkout doing childcare out of my home. I followed their advice and did the trainings, got licensed, and I've never looked back. Please PASS this bill so that I may continue to do what I LOVE as well as continue to provide a service to my community. Mahalo Nui Loa, Danielle Prieto

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Aloha. I am writing to ~~oppose~~ HB2560. I am a single mother of two young children. I do not receive financial support from their drug-addicted father. My youngest child is in a daycare that is located at a rental cottage on an agriculturally zoned property. The daycare provider, who is providing an invaluable service to myself and five other families, will not be able to afford to operate as a licensed facility if this heavy tax is imposed. If she chooses to pass the burden on to us, the parents, I would not be able to afford to send my son. Then how would I work to support my children?

This tax is too heavy a burden to place on small business owners who are providing a much needed service to the working parents in this community. Imposing this tax will not bring in money to our county. I will force businesses to close or encourage them to operate without a license. Neither of these options are good for our community.

Thank you for considering my testimony in opposition to HB2560.  
Rachel Czar, teacher and mother

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My name is [Zach Acker](#), and I want to thank you for hearing HB 2560 and for the opportunity to testify before your committee. As a parent, my children greatly benefit from the love and care they get at their child care provider, and I am able to work part-time/full-time as a [electrician](#). I value my work and depend on it in order to provide for my family. There are currently not enough providers on Maui to meet the need, and many families will be affected if the number of options decreases. I am in **strong support** of HB 2560 because it expands the permitted uses in agriculturally designated zones to include family child care homes. In Hawaii's rural, agricultural communities on the neighbor islands, family child care homes offer an invaluable service to working families—providing quality care and early learning to the children in our local communities and enabling parents to work. Obtaining a special use permit is beyond the capacity of most providers.

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PATCH – People Attentive to Children

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**Subject: HB 2560- RELATING TO FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES &  
AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

**PATCH supports HB 2560 with amendments as it will make family child care homes a permitted use on agricultural lands and thus fulfill a serious need for safe, affordable child care in rural areas.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB2560. I am Katy Chen, Executive Director of PATCH – People Attentive to Children. PATCH is Hawaii's only statewide child care resource and referral nonprofit. We respond to 8,000+ enquiries each year from parents looking for referrals to safe, affordable, quality child care. PATCH also trains 4,000+ people each year in the field of early childhood education and care.

We are in favor of HB 2560 with amendments. The bill is important to address a loophole in the laws regarding permitted uses on land designated as agricultural throughout the State of Hawaii. Currently 50+ family child care providers (FCCs) already licensed by the State Department of Human Services operate their daycare businesses in single family dwellings situated on agricultural lands. They serve over 300 children statewide. Many have operated for decades.

It has come to the attention of DHS that these family child care homes licensed by the DHS violate the land use laws for agricultural districts. DHS has declined to renew the annual licenses of some of these FCCs unless they obtain a special use permit, particularly in Maui County. Obtaining such permits are costly. For e.g. in Maui County, it requires an initial investment of \$550+ for the application fee and another \$3,000 to \$15,000 in consulting fees (e.g. surveyors) to complete the required attachments. These fees are too exorbitant for FCCs who earn on average \$20,000 a year as one of the lowest paid professions in America.

There is a child care crisis in Hawaii. Only one licensed child care space exists for every seven children under the age of 5 in Hawaii. This means many children are put into unlicensed, unregulated child care which can be unsafe.

For rural areas, the problem is even larger due to the scarcity of licensed preschools, daycare centers and daycare homes. PATCH has worked to increase the number of licensed child care

spaces for years – a difficult task. Hawaii cannot afford to lose existing licensed child care spaces as parents will have no safe place to take their children while they go to work. On Maui, a quarter of all licensed FCCs are currently on agricultural land. If they were to shut down over this permitting issue, 120+ children would not have anywhere to go. This would be a devastating blow to the child care sector.

FCCs have a legal limit of just 6 children and must be operated within the confines of a single family home. We are asking only that any lawful single family dwelling in agricultural districts, also allow for FCC as a permitted use. These types of small businesses are operated like an extension of the family living there, hence the term, “Family Child Care.”

The bill requires no additional construction to the family home nor does the bill mean to impact the designation of any agricultural district. It would simply allow DHS to license a legal private residence on agricultural land to care for up to 6 children – without a costly special use permit. Since DHS has already been doing this for years, it would fix a legal loophole, restore small business, and help those young families needing child care throughout the State.

PATCH recommends the HB 2560 be amended to also include future single family dwellings on agricultural lands. Thus, reference to farm dwellings “constructed after July 1, 2014” should be deleted. The community needs more licensed child care homes, especially since many close down each year. In order to meet the public’s needs, licensed child care should be allowed in single family dwellings regardless of the date of construction. For e.g., DHHL is in the process of completing 24 single family homes on agricultural lands in the Ka’u District on Maui. There is a shortage of licensed child care in that area and having the ability to license one of them for child care would be very beneficial to the community.

We also recommend the HB 2560 be amended to note that the definition of “family child care” include 1-6 children, and not just 3-6 children. Licensing allows for 1-6 children and to do otherwise, would imply that caring for 2 children in the home would be unlawful, but caring for 3 would be okay. That is nonsensical.

PATCH wants to ensure HB 2560 does not conflict with any clause in HRS Section 205, which refers to permitted uses on agricultural lands. Thus, it should make reference to HRS Section 205, clearing mandating family child care as a permitted use on agricultural lands.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.