
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADULT CARE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that when a resident of
2 an adult residential care home, an expanded adult residential
3 care home, or an adult foster home is admitted to a hospital,
4 the length of hospital stay is often unknown. The empty bed
5 leaves the care home with a financial loss of income and
6 uncertainty as to when the income will return. The legislature
7 further finds that when some care home residents are discharged
8 from a hospital and require an increased level of care, care
9 homes that are not authorized to provide that level of care are
10 often forced to accept those residents.

11 The purpose of this Act is to authorize adult residential
12 care homes, expanded adult residential care homes, and adult
13 foster homes to deny readmission to patients who have been
14 admitted to a hospital for a specified period of time or who,
15 upon discharge from the hospital, require a level of care the
16 care home is not authorized to provide.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Readmission following hospital care. (a) No
5 adult residential care home, expanded adult residential care
6 home, or adult foster home shall be required to readmit a
7 resident who:

8 (1) Has been admitted to a hospital for inpatient care for
9 a duration of five consecutive days or more; or

10 (2) Upon discharge from the hospital, requires a level of
11 care that the adult residential care home, expanded
12 adult residential care home, or adult foster home is
13 not authorized to provide.

14 (b) No hospital shall discharge a patient to an adult
15 residential care home, expanded adult residential care home, or
16 adult foster home without the consent of the adult residential
17 care home, expanded adult residential care home, or adult foster
18 home."

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Adult Residential Care Home; Adult Foster Home; Readmission

Description:

Authorizes adult residential care homes, expanded adult residential care homes, and adult foster homes to deny readmission of a resident who has been in a hospital for five days or more or, after discharge from the hospital, requires a level of care the care home is not authorized to provide.

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