
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONSIDER THE CHARGING OF
REASONABLE LICENSING FEES TO HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, healthcare facilities represent a critical
2 sector of Hawaii's health care industry; and
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4 WHEREAS, section 321-15.2 defines "healthcare facility" as
5 a facility or setting where a frail, elderly, or disabled adult
6 receives care or is provided living accommodations such as a
7 skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, adult
8 residential care home, expanded adult residential care home,
9 assisted living facility, home health agency, home care agency,
10 hospice, adult day health center, special treatment facility,
11 therapeutic living program, intermediate care facility for the
12 mentally retarded, hospital, rural health center, and
13 rehabilitation agency; and
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15 WHEREAS, it is expected that the Department of Health will
16 impose a licensing fee on healthcare facilities to fund the
17 administrative costs associated with home care licensing
18 requirements; and
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20 WHEREAS, licensing fees for healthcare facilities vary
21 widely from state to state, with some states not charging for
22 license applications and others charging thousands of dollars
23 regardless of the number of patients served; and
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25 WHEREAS, licensing fees in Hawaii could reach thousands of
26 dollars and create a significant barrier for any individual
27 desiring to enter into or remain in the selfless field of care-
28 giving, particularly for adult residential care homes, expanded
29 adult residential care homes; and
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31 WHEREAS, a licensing fee barrier to entering the healthcare
32 facility field would limit the number of available home care



1 agencies and harm the very people the licensing requirements
2 were enacted to protect; and
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4 WHEREAS, any licensing fee would simply be passed to the
5 patients and, since many healthcare facility patients receive
6 government assistance to fund their care; any licensing fee
7 would just result in transferring money from one government
8 agency to another; and
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10 WHEREAS, if healthcare facilities, particularly adult
11 residential care homes, expanded adult residential care homes
12 are forced out of business, their patients will go to other
13 forms of health care providers, and, in turn, strain the State's
14 capacity to provide quality health care; and
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16 WHEREAS, many community organizations, such as the Filipino
17 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, have spoken against the
18 potentially devastating effects of a licensing fee on a
19 disproportionately large number of existing healthcare
20 facilities, particularly adult residential care homes, expanded
21 adult residential care homes; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
26 Health is urged to consider charging reasonable licensing fees
27 to healthcare facilities; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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