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House Committee on Health

HCR0135, Urging the Department of Health to Refrain from Charging Licensing Fees to Home Care Agencies

Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health

Friday, March 21, 2014

1 **Department's Position:** The department appreciates the intent of this resolution but respectfully
2 OPPOSES it as unfair to other licensed health care organizations and contrary to the expectations of the
3 Legislature.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** The department testifies previously on the need of \$150,000 to cover the cost of a
5 permanent full-time civil service position and the cost of mileage and neighbor island travel to initiate
6 licensing activities on home care agencies. Licensing fees would not be collected to support these
7 activities.

8 **Purpose and Justification:** This resolution urges DOH to not require home care agencies to pay a
9 licensing fee once the licensing fees are established. DOH was granted the authority to establish
10 licensing fees under HRS §321-11.5. Such fees will be deposited into the OHCA Special Fund
11 authorized under HRS §321-1.4. Once the admin rules are completed and approved, licensing fees will
12 be issued on all state licensed facilities, agencies, and organizations. This would be fair and equitable
13 for all such organizations. It would be unfair to exclude any individual facility or specific group of
14 facilities or organizations while imposing a fee on others.

1 The Legislature appears to be in the process of approving a new permanent full time civil service
2 position for OHCA in order to establish the licensing program. An expectation is that licensing fees will
3 be collected to support the program. To not require licensing fees from home care providers would be
4 contrary to Legislative expectations.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this resolution.

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Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Big Island Adult foster home operators	Support	No

Comments: Good morning. On behalf of the BIAFHO, we strongly recommend Doh NOT to charge caregivers in COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES for a licensing fee because our income in this program is not stable. We are allowed to have only 2 or 3 clients in our homes. Some homes do not even have any clients at all. In addition to this we have multiple expenses too, to have this business running. In fact, we are helping the State to save million of dollars by giving a home and taking care of these clients. Thank You

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Honorable Dell Au Belatti, Committee Chair

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I am Benita Basuel a care home operator from the Bigisland and humbly submit this testimony to support HCR #135 to refrain Dept. of Health for a licensure fee.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,
Benita Basuel
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I am Elena Bugarin a care home operator from the BigIsland and humbly submit this testimony to support HCR #135 to refrain Dept. of Health for a licensure fee. It will be a big burden in our part to maintain operating our home if this proposal fee will be enforce.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify.

Elena Bugarin
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My name is Felicidad Mones a care home operator from the BigIsland and humbly submit this testimony to support HCR #135 to refrain Dept. of Health for a licensure fee. Presently with the high cost of living we cannot afford to pay any such fee that DOH charging us to operate our home. We have a sizable amount of mortgage struggling to pay monthly with high interest rate. It will be a big burden in our part to maintain operating our home if this proposal will be enforce.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Felicidad Mones

Elazar Adult Residential Care Home

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My name is Estela Ellazar a care home operator from the BigIsland and humbly submit this testimony . Along with my husband Igmedio Ellazar we strongly support HCR #135 to refrain Dept. of Health for a licensure fee. Presently with the high cost of living we cannot afford to pay any such fee that DOH charging us to operate our home. We have a sizable amount of mortgage struggling to pay monthly with high interest rate. It will be a big burden in our part to maintain operating our home if this proposal will be enforce.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,
Igmedio Ellazar / Estela Ellazar
Igmedio and Estela Ellazar

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Rachel S.Castro	Big Island Adult foster home operators	Support	No

Comments: Our income is not stable with this program so we cannot afford to pay licensing fee. Thank you for listening to the caregivers.

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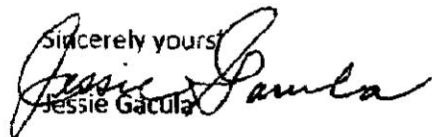
Honorable Della Au Belatti, Committee Chair

Committee on Health

Conference Room 329

I am Jessie Gacula care home operator from Hilo, Hawaii. I strongly support HCR #135 to refrain Dept. of Health for licensure fee. Charging fees for each Care Home Operators like myself will be a big burden financially to all operators. I can't afford to add another expense to our limited budget considering the high cost of living in Hawaii.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours

Jessie Gacula

ADULT FOSTER HOMES OF THE PACIFIC
P.O.BOX 971450 WAIPAHU, HI 96797
CARING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CAREGIVERS AS WELL AS ELDERLY DISABLED

March 21, 2014
House Committee on Health
Conference room 329 @9:am

To: Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Honorable Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Honorable Committee Members on Health

HCR 135/HR98- URGING THE DOH TO REFRAIN FROM CHARGING LICENSING FEES TO HOME CARE AGENCIES--HLT, FIN

My name is Margie Ogilvie I opposed the intent of this bill charging the CCFH-Community Care Foster Family Homes-Adult Foster Homes when merging to Department of Health on July 2015. Because we are only limited to 3 clients and we are lucky to have 1,2,3 residents in a year and they are not stable because of their medical conditions. I am a caregiver for 14 years and giving the best quality care and services to the client 24/7 with no vacation and holidays is too much considering how much we are getting paid for and we are underpaid.

For 1 medicaid patients we are receiving room and board for \$1322.90 plus \$41.06 /day for our services with amount of \$1231.80 for 30 days total of \$2543.70 per patients. At this moment commodities are getting higher and very costly and giving another obligation to us will result in closing of foster homes I am one of them. I request the committee members to please change the language and specify the names of an individual home care agencies so that we are aware of it when DOH will oversigh CCFH's-Community Care Foster Family Homes-Adult Foster Homes under Department of Human Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify with comments and consideration for this bills.

Very truly yours,

Margie Ogilvie (Vice President) AFHOP

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TULIAO ARCH LLC

Genevie Tuliao Care Home

298 Olu St. Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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My name is Genevie Tuliao, Care Home, of Tuliao ARCH LLC. I respectfully submit this testimony to strongly support HCR 135. I want to continue operating my home but imposing such a fee that Dept. of Health proposed, I am force to close my home because I can't afford to have another burden financially.

The minimal fee I'm getting from the resident will go to food cost which has the highest expense. I feed my resident according to Nutrition Guidelines. Imposing such a fee is impossible to meet the Nutrition Guideline . This is one of the reasons why I'm supporting this HCR 135 to refrain Dept. of Health not to charge a fee.

Sincerely yours,

Genevie Tuliao

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TO: Committee on Health

DATE: March 21, 2014, Friday

TIME: 9:00 am

PLACE: Conference Room 329

TESTIFIER: Wannette Gaylord

BILL: HR 98/HCR 135

POSITION: IN STRONG SUPPORT WITH SUGGESTED AMMENDMENT

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Aloha Chair Belatti and Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the committee,

My name is Wannette Gaylord and I strongly **SUPPORT** HR 98/HCR 135 draft 2 with the change of wording throughout from "HOME CARE AGENCIES" to "HEALTHCARE FACILITIES" as defined in Act 21 to include Adult Residential Care Homes and Expanded-ARCH's.

Community Based Healthcare Facilities are small businesses saving our state of Hawaii upwards of \$200 million each year. We already struggle to survive paying our daily expenses. This additional expense will just be another excessive cost for doing business here in Hawaii.

Please "DO NOT IMPOSE" additional fees on your community based care facilities that take care of our treasured kama'aina.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of HR 98/HCR 135 with the inclusions.

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Testimony for HCR135

March 21, 2014

Rep. Della Au Belatti, and Committee Members:

I strongly support HCR135.

Thank very much you.

Miriam Tabaniag, ARCH Administrator

BIG ISLAND ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME ORGANIZATION

25018 Kinoole St

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

March 20, 2014

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Honorable Della Au Belatti, Committee Chair

Committee on Health

Conference Room 329

I am Melba Daak, President of the Big Island ARCH Association. On behalf of the Big Island ARCH we strongly support HCR #135 to refrain Dept. of Health for licensure fee. Charging fees for each Care Home Operators will be a big burden financially to all operators. We can't afford to add another expense to our limited budget considering the high cost of living in Hawaii.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours'

Melba Daak
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The Chair and Members of Health Care Committee

Re: HCR 135 & HR 98

Dear Chair and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Constante A. Domingo, president of Caregivers Association, a group of highly-trained care home and foster home operators. I am writing in support of HCR 135 and HR 98. Adding financial burden on the already underpaid caregivers is just like adding salt to an already serious wound. As you all know, these "unsung heroes" provide 24-hour service to their residents with compassion, commitment and dedication. Asking thousands of dollars as licensing fees is very unreasonable. Some of these caregivers only receive \$1322 a month for each resident. Minus cost of foods, supplies and utility bills, mortgage payments or rents, almost nothing is left. The worse is the vacancy rate in the care giving industry is high. Some are taking care of one or two patients. How could they survive? Again such a proposed fee is very unreasonable. If they are forced to leave the industry because they can't afford to pay the proposed licensing fees depriving them to continue their "humanitarian" work, who is going to take the blame? **Of course the State.**

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In closing, I humbly ask our lawmakers to show compassion and understand the needs and concerns of our caregivers. Thank you!

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To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
And Committee Members:

Date: March 21, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Conference Room 329

RE: HCR 135/HR 98

My name is Lilia Fajotina, President of Alliance Residential Care Homes Administrators and Care Home Operator.

I strongly support the HCR135/HR98, However, amendment is necessary to reflect the following:

a) Urging the Department of Health to Refrain from charging licensing fees to community-based home care facilities such as Adult Residential Care Homes, (ARCH) Expanded Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH), Type I and Type II, and all the community care family foster homes(CCFFH).

All above care facilities are not classified as agencies, but rather home care facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lilia Fajotina

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To: Committee on Health, Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Date: March 21, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 9:00a.m.

Re: HCR 135/HR 98 relating to licensing fees for community-based home care facilities

Chair Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support for HCR 135/HR 98 relating to licensing fees for community-based home care facilities. My name is Ramon Sumibcay, I am a registered nurse, care home operator and officer of Alliance of Residential Care Homes Administrators.

I strongly support the HCR/HR; however, amendment is necessary to reflect the following:

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REFRAIN FROM CHARGING LICENSING FEES TO COMMUNITY-BASED HOME CARE FACILITIES SUCH AS ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES (ARCH)/EXPANDED RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES(E-ARCH), TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2, AND ALL THE COMMUNITY CARE FAMILY FOSTER HOMES (CCFFH).

ALL ABOVE CARE FACILITIES ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS AGENCIES, BUT RATHER HOME CARE FACILITIES.

Mahalo for all your support.

Ramon Sumibcay

Okano Care Home

I strongly oppose HCR135-fee for license of care homes. With the high cost of living here in Hawaii (cost of fuel, electricity, food, water, etc) we as care givers are struggling to ensure our residents are cared for and attended to as it is. Should we need to pay to be licensed, it will mean we will have to pass this on to the resident, who has limited funds as it is. And with the very, very low reimbursement we receive from Medicaid to care for these deserving seniors, it makes it close to impossible for us to spend any more than we already do on fees such as what is being requested by the State Department of Health. I ask that this not be passed on behalf of all the seniors we spend 24/7 caring for.

LATE

Stacey Okano
Okano Care Home

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Comments: I strongly support this HCR135 .Thank you

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Noemi Libed Arzaga
March 21, 2014

House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh Legislature, 2014
Conference Room 329
Committee on Health (HLT)
Della Au Belatti, Committee Chair

RE: HCR 135 & HR 98
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REFRAIN FROM
CHARGING LICENSING FEES TO HOME CARE AGENCIES

Dear Ms. Belatti,

I am writing to you concerning the proposed licensing fees on the home care agencies to fund administrative costs associated with licensing requirements. As a caregiver for many years and an advocate for the growth of this industry, I am appalled by this proposal of fees on caregivers as if it is a "slap on the face" as we all know how much we as caregivers are compensated by the endless love and care we provide to our clients. Attached is an itemized statement of the expenses we have to run for this business.

The aging population is growing tremendously and we will be needing more and more individuals to take on the active role of caregiving to help preserve and contain the economic vitality of our state in terms of long-term care and resources. We need to sustain the growth of this industry (RACCP and ARCH) and other community residential care services as a whole without imposing these fees because as it is, these homes are already suffering the blunt of the ever-increasing demands and prices of everyday expenses to stay afloat without rightful compensation to begin with. We caregivers open up our homes and provide residential care alternatives while maintaining the social model of care, supporting natural patterns of home life settings and providing quality care to those who aspire to be in this living

environment. Our kupunas deserve to have this option and we as caregivers are up to that challenge and are very much willing to provide our care to the best of our abilities, but adding on more expenses may require some homes to look and re-evaluate whether this is truly the avenue to pursue. The fees and expenses in running a home-based care service while maintaining certifications and continuing education which we know are needed for the growth of this industry are already a burden on us, and we have accepted these, but imposing fees on licensing for these homes would truly be hurtful and only add additional financial stress for us at this point. We need your assistance as our lawmakers, legislatures, and senators, in maintaining the integrity of these homes and to help increase awareness of the caregiving needs as we welcome other caregivers from other ethnic backgrounds to join in this field, as our elderly deserve these options. But, how are we going to present this as a profitable industry if it is overregulated and saturated with fees? We are very much willing to work with everyone for the betterment of this industry; therefore, I ask for your review to look at other means of allocation for these administrative fees we know are needed for the overall growth of this industry without imposing more financial obligations on the caregivers who are already undercompensated to begin with. Caregivers or operators are due for financial re-awakening and this is not the time to be discussing additional fees, as we all know the financial constraint our economy is facing. Again, I will emphasize the need for caregiving as I feel this is the salvaging act for future generations to care for our kupunas who are growing in numbers before our eyes. Overall, I do support this bill to **NOT impose but REFRAIN FROM IMPOSING the fees to home care agencies and look for allocations elsewhere.**

Thank you very much!

Noemi Arzaga
RN, BSN, FNP/DNP-S (UHH 2015)
RACCP Operator - Big Island

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ARCH & RACCP ITEMIZED EXPENSES TO RUN H BUSINESS

Mortgage	2,500.00
Home owner Insurance	1,20000
Property tax	4,000.00 4,000.00/yr.
Automobile	
Automobile Insurance	130.00/mo
Safety Checks	25.00/yr.
Registration	180.00/yr
Business Insurance	
Prof. Liability Insurance	475.00/yr
Cont. Educ.:	
First Aid, CPR, Blood Borne Pathogen	75.00/2yrs.
Renewal of CNA Certificate	175.00 /2yrs
Foods	350.00/mo /pt. x3
Utilities:	
Gas	140.00/mo
Electricity	350.00/mo
Cell phone	150.00/mo
Cable TV Home phone	220.00
Internet connection for online billing for pt. services	