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The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: SB 2853 SD1 Relating to Developmental Disabilities Adult Foster Homes

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit legal guardians, trustees, and relatives from continuing to care for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in a certified foster home;
- (2) Define "related" as related by blood or marriage or having a legal relationship;
- (3) Permit minors with intellectual or developmental disabilities to age in place under certain conditions; and
- (4) Clarify that certified adult foster homes with dual certification shall not exceed a total of three individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

I am in **SUPPORT** of SB 2853 SD1 as this bill with amendments aims to clarify the requirements for certification of adult foster care homes for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Thank you for opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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