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The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Belatti and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 2005 HD1 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT of HB 2005 HD1** to create and establish various policies to adequately address the various issues concerning the elderly and individuals with disabilities and the community healthcare industry while ensuring consumer protection for Hawaii's elderly and disabled.

However, we are concerned specifically with regards to Adult Foster Homes for individuals with DD referenced as a State-licensed care facility.

The Adult Foster Homes (AFH) for individuals with DD are certified and monitored under the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11 Department of Health, Chapter 148 Certification of Adult Foster Homes. This chapter is based substantially upon Chapter 890, "Certification of Foster Family Boarding Home for Children," Public Welfare Division, Department of Social Services and Housing. [Eff. 9/16/54; am 3/20/87]. Basically, the AFHs were intended to be exactly as a Child's Foster Home which the individual lives with a family, in the family's home, in a family environment. AFHs are not facilities, and they were not intended to be a business. They should not be categorized with such businesses because they **ARE NOT a State-licensed care facility. Therefore, AFHs should not be included in the list.**

Should the Legislature decide to include AFHs for individuals with DD to be subjected to licensure and inspection reports posted on the Department of Health's website, we propose the following amendments for your consideration:

1. Page 3, line 6: Add "or recertification" after relicensing to read, "Annual inspections for relicensing or recertification may be conducted..."

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2. Page 3, line 17: Add "or certified" after licensed to read, "caregiver family shall be licensed or certified to ensure the health, safety..."
3. Page 4, line 4: Add "or certification" after license to read, "without a license or certification shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."
4. Page 4, line 12: Add "or state-certified adult foster homes" after "state-licensed care facilities" to read, "state-licensed care facilities or state-certified adult foster homes."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of HB 2005 HD1**, and for your consideration of the above proposed amendments.

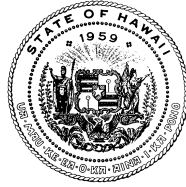
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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB2005, HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Cannot be determined at this time.

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this bill.

3 This HD 1 omnibus bill removed items opposed by the department but continues to
4 contain provisions which the department opposes. However, the department does support or is
5 providing comments on other provisions.

6 Specifically, the department opposes the authority to implement and maintain an online
7 forum to be used by healthcare facilities to post vacancies. An online forum would be an easy
8 way for computer viruses to enter the state system, whether intentional or unintentional and
9 especially without required resources to prevent or monitor postings for viruses. IT hardware
10 and software would be required to implement a forum and IT staffing and management resources
11 would be necessary to monitor and take down inappropriate postings. Finally, the accuracy of
12 vacancy postings could not be easily verified by the state and, as a result, the vacancy listing
13 would become questionable at best. As a result, the department prefers to not have to submit a
14 written report to the 2017 legislature relative to the implementation and maintenance of the
15 forum..

1 Concerning the authority of DOH and DHS to re-designate a nursing bed in a community
2 care foster family home (CCFFH) to private-pay from Medicaid, the department opposes this
3 authority since the CCFFH program was designed to ensure availability of nursing beds in
4 CCFFHs specifically for the Medicaid population. CCFFHs are residential care facilities with
5 two (2) beds, one of which must be Medicaid and the other may be for private-pay clients.
6 CCFFHs may also be allowed to have three (3) beds, but two (2) beds must be for Medicaid
7 patients and only one (1) bed can be for private-pay. The issue surrounding the proposed
8 language in this bill is the ability for married couples to occupy the same CCFFH when both are
9 private pay. However, alternative residential care settings such as ARCHs and E-ARCHs exist
10 in the community that can accommodate married couples or related individuals who are private
11 pay, and, therefore maintains the CCFFH beds for persons on Medicaid. E-ARCHs also
12 accommodate nursing level of care patients as well as patients who are relatively independent.
13 The departments prefer to avoid political pressures that are anticipated for DHS and DOH to
14 exercise the authority to re-designate nursing beds.

15 Concerning issuing a report to the 2017 legislature on late payments, the department is
16 supportive of the intent.

17 **Offered Amendments:** Technical amendments to identify licensure for ARCHs and E-ARCHs
18 and other types of providers, amendments to identify certification (not licensure) for CCFFHs,
19 and change “developmental disabilities adult foster homes” to “adult foster homes” (their proper
20 name).



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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February 16, 2016

TO: The Honorable Della Au Bellati, Chair
The House Committee on Health

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: HB 2005 RELATING TO HEALTH

Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 8:45 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the circumstances which this bill is trying to remedy, but DHS opposes the bill as it has the potential to reduce access to community services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Act is to create and establish various policies to adequately address the various issues concerning the elderly, disabled, and the community healthcare industry while ensuring consumer protection for Hawaii's elderly and disabled.

While the Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent to ensure access to services for the elderly and disabled, we have concerns about potentially reducing access to community services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH) were created specifically for the Medicaid program for low-income recipients. The community foster family home was, and still is, an integral part of the long term care continuum of care for the Medicaid program and provides a less restrictive community-based home for Medicaid recipients who are at a nursing facility level of care. The CCFFH allows recipients to remain in the community rather than go into a nursing facility, which is a major national goal and the personal preference for many individuals and families. Currently, CCFFHs are licensed for two residents and may request for a third bed. In

order to obtain the third bed, it must be for a Medicaid recipient. This bill would permit the Department of Health to allow two private pay residents and only one Medicaid recipient if the two private pay individuals are married or in a civil union. With this change, there is the potential of reduced CCFFH beds for Medicaid recipients, which could result in individuals having to remain for longer periods of time in an acute hospital bed until a community-based bed becomes available, or going into a more costly nursing facility. If this change were enacted, coupled with other changes in the overall long-term care continuum such as the reduction of beds available at skilled nursing facilities, low-income elderly or people with disabilities may have fewer options available to them.

Also, there are other alternative residential care setting options, such as Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCHs) and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCHs) for married couples who are private pay. The latter can accommodate individuals with nursing level of care.

Thus, we respectfully oppose the proposed changes so that CCFFHs can be maintained for Medicaid recipients as it is done currently.

DHS defers to the Department of Health regarding the proposed licensing changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



ADULT FOSTER HOME OF THE PACIFIC
P.O. Box 971450 Waipahu, HI 96797

Re: HB2005 – Testimony, Omnibus Caregivers Bill

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

TIME: 9:45:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha, my name is **Elma V. Tierra**. I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator, president of the Adult Foster of the Pacific. I am in support of the **HB2005** but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

1. Unannounced visit doesn't ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our elderly & disabled elderly population. But I totally welcome the people who will conduct the inspection for relicensing or recertification.
2. I strongly support that all operator of any community-care home providing healthcare to the elderly or disabled who are un-related to the caregiver family shall be licensed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals placed therein.
3. Starting January 2015 the department of Health post deficiencies of all the annual inspections on its website. Aside from posting, the bill also requires the department to maintain a forum on the website allowing the care facilities operators to post vacancy, and to inform the public for a prospective home for their loved ones. In support.
4. The Office of Health Care Assurance has been persistent for the last 4-5 years, pushing this issue of collecting licensing and re-licensing fees from the care facilities. There are caregivers who take care of Medicaid beneficiaries, they are not compensated enough by the State. It is unreasonable, however, to levy fees on them. I believe \$25-50 is a reasonable fee across the board.
5. I strongly support Part VI relating two private pay individuals as long as they are couples living together, married, or in a civil union. They shouldn't be restricted in living under the same roof.

Elma V. Tierra, President

President, Adult Foster Home of the Pacific

Date: February 17, 2016
Time: 8:45 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street

RE: HB 2005, HD1- Relating to caregivers Omnibus Bill

Good Morning Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

My name is Lilia Fajotina, Vice President of ARCA (ALLIANCE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE ADMINISTRATORS)

I strongly support of HB 2005 but in strong opposition of Part II Section 2 of in the bill.

HRS 321 -15.6 has been in existence, I am respectfully asking the Committee to put back the language of the statute "ANNUAL INSPECTIONS FOR RELICENSING SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH NOTICE, UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT."

Community-based care facilities are governed by different regulations regarding unannounced visits and annual inspection for relicensing. The Department of Health has the jurisdiction of the adult Residential Care Homes under the guidance of HRS 321-15.6. On the other hand, the Department of Human Services has the jurisdiction of the foster family homes using the guidelines under Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 17, Chapter 1454. The current practice of the Department of Health through the Office of Health Care Assurance is to send notice to the care home operator regarding an upcoming annual relicensing inspection. The notice says "a certain day of the month but it does not announce the exact date." The reason OHCA has promulgated this system to allow the care home operator to be present during the inspection. There are many reasons that the care home operator to be present during the inspection. There are many reasons that the care home operator is out the house like bringing the residents to their medical appointments, outings with residents, or the care home operator have also personal appointments and errands. OHCA requires that the primary caregiver must be present during the annual relicensing inspection

The statute already has the provision for unannounced visits. Anybody from the OHCA can conduct unannounced visits at any intervals at its discretion to confirm correction of deficiencies and to investigate complaints for suspicion of neglect and abuse.

The issue of unannounced visit resurfaced last year because a resident passed away in a community-based care facility due to a decubitus ulcer. I do understand the public sentiment regarding the death. There was an emotional debate regarding the issue of "unannounced visit". But such death could be prevented if caregivers are accountable and responsible for what they do. It only takes some administrative actions and measures to prevent such horrible death. In the care giving industry, nobody wants such death to happen. Unannounced visit could be deterrent but not a solution if caregivers involved in the care of the resident are not doing their responsibilities. What about oversight? Enacting bills for unannounced visit for relicensing survey is not the answer. We need to enforce, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY and strong OVERSIGHT.

In general, caregivers in all the community-based care facilities are providing excellent care to our aging and frail Kupuna, as indicated by only 2 incidents for the last 25 years.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Lilia Fajotina
Vice President, ARCA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norma Tan	Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

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February 17, 2016

RE: HB2005 HD1 – Testimony in **Strong Support of Section V and Requesting Amendments to Section II** – HLT 2/17/16 – Rm. 329 8:45 a.m.

Dear Chair Belatti and Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

My name is _____. I am a member of the Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) and a proud operator of a Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH). I support strongly support HB2005 HD1, especially Section V.

I have dedicated my life to care for my elderly and disabled clients who cannot care for themselves. My family also helps me, because it takes a family to care for these individuals. I make less than \$2.00 per hour on Medicaid clients, and I am responsible 24/7.

Please note there are a lot of vacancies for Medicaid clients, and there is no shortage of beds for Medicaid clients. I know homes that have had vacancies for months. I know that the CCFFH program is primarily for Medicaid clients, but we should be sensitive where there is a special relationship between our clients, whether or not they are on Medicaid. Right now, CCFFHs are limited to a maximum of one Medicaid client. It breaks my heart that married couples are sometimes forced to live apart because of this rule. Please, for the sake of these elderly and disabled individuals, allow some flexibility in the rules and have compassion. The health and well-being of these couples deteriorate when they are forced to live apart.

We welcome unannounced visits at anytime, but relicensing visits require us to prepare extra paperwork. We need some notice otherwise there may be delays because paperwork is not complete. This would waste everyone's time and even the unnecessary revocation of our license, which jeopardizes patient care.

Please pass HB2005 HD1 allowing married couples to live together in CCFFHs regardless of the source of their payment.

Thank you,

Address:

Phone #:

February 16, 2016

To: Representative Della Au Belatti
Chair, Committee on Health

To: Representative Richard P. Creagan
Vice-Chair, Committee on Health

Place: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96814

Time: 8:45 AM

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Regarding: **HB 2005, HD1 (HSCR263-16)**

My name is Sarah Suzuki. I am a Registered Nurse and a Managing Partner for a company called Blue Water Resources (BWR), LLC. BWR has been providing Case Management services to the aged, blind, and disabled population since 2002. We provide Case Management services under various settings: Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Home (E-ARCH), and Assisted Living Facility (ALF).

Before admission, patients or their designated representatives are provided with options and information about the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and the alternatives. All clients or designated representatives are encouraged to explore the options before they come to a decision of placement. Many factors are considered before choosing a setting. Some of the factors include, but are not limited to, costs, location, if the facility will accept Medicaid clients once the private monies have been spent down, and the caregiver/s. The HCBS is a program of choice. Ultimately, the clients or their designated representatives choose the setting they would like to reside in and their caregiver/s.

I support HB2005, HD1 (HSCR263-16), specifically part V. This portion would give the Department of Health (DOH) the flexibility, perhaps via a Waiver, to permit two private-pay individuals to be cared for in the same CCFFH, provided that they meet certain criteria set forth by the DOH.

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice-Chair, Committee on Health
Members of Health Committee

Date: February 17, 2016, 8:45 AM, House Conference, Rm 329
Re: H.B. 2005, HD1– Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan and Committee Members,

My name is Wannette Gaylord, the president of ARCA (Alliance of Residential Care Administrators) and a hands on care home operator. My written and in person testimony is in SUPPORT of HB2005 HD1, with strong OPPOSITION to Part II.

I am humbly requesting that your Committee put back the language of the existing HRS 321-15.6 “Annual inspections for relicensing shall be conducted with notice, unless otherwise determined by the department.”

The current statute requires the Department of Health to send operators notice specifying a specific month and day of the week for their annual relicensing inspection. This ensures that the care home operator is present during the inspection not taking residents to their medical appointments, picking up medications or shopping for food for both the residents and their own families.

That statute also requires the Department of Health to do an unannounced visit annually or more often if applicable.

So please put back the current language of the existing statute, so I won't feel that I am a prisoner to what I thought was my calling in life.

Mahalo,

Wannette Gaylord

Care Home Operator

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Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: While the bill addresses many issues related to various care homes, we are testifying in support of Part Five which would allow a private pay married couple to be able to live together in the same Community Care Foster Home. It is important to recognize that there are sometimes unintended consequences to the laws which pass and to correct them when that occurs. It is true that these homes were originally conceived as a way to ensure that the Medicaid population could be cared for in the community. We support that, especially since many of our clients are Medicaid recipients. We know first hand that they need all the services they can receive. Yet, we were touched last year when we read about and saw the plight of the Kawamoto family who were in their 90s and wanted to live out their remaining years together in a care home. We were dismayed when we saw that HB 600 from the past session did not pass. For that reason we made the decision to become more active in the discussion this session and undertake advocacy on behalf of the Kawamotos. We doubt that there is any member of the legislature who feels that their living apart is an acceptable result. We do not know why HB 600 did not pass last year-but we are committed to seeing that this year the Kawamotos are given an opportunity to again share their lives together. The provision in the bill that would provide for this was actually the law in Hawaii for a few years. It contained a sunset clause and as a result it did sunset. It is time to reinstate that as a very limited exception to the overall regulatory scheme for Community Care Foster Homes. It will not alter the overall intent of the homes and it will not detract from its major purpose. There will never be more than an isolated instance where that exception will be applicable. We cannot imagine than anyone thinks it makes any sense to keep the Kawamotos apart. It is heartbreaking and this measure represents an opportunity for the legislature to rectify a very unfortunate situation. Ideally, we would like to see HB 600 convened in the Conference Committee and acted upon so that it can receive the Governor's signature. In the absence of that, we urge the legislature to pass this part of this measure so that the Kawamotos can reside together before it may be too late.

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RACHEL CASTRO	Individual	Support	No

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Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support for the HB2005 with the recommendation not to mandate the CCFFH , ARCH -E-ARCH & Case Management Agencies to pay an annual fee for certification , recertification, license and relicense because we already helping the state save millions of dollars by providing shelters and services to the sick, aged , disabled population of the community .Instead , we deserve pay raise for working 24/7, 365 or366 days a year.Two private pay individuals should be allow to reside in the same CCFFH . We need to be paid on time with clean claim. ARCH & E-ARCH needs to increase their clients . Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice-Chair

Date: February 17, 2016, 8:45 AM, House Conference, R
Re: H.B. 2005, HD1– Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan and Committee Members:

My name is Ramon Sumibcay. I am a Care Home Operator and Vice President of the organization ARCA, Alliance of Residential Care Administrators. My written and in person testimony is in SUPPORT of HB 2005 but in strong OPPOSITION of Part II Section 2 of the bill.

HRS 321-15.6 has been in existence, I am respectfully asking the Committee to put back the language of the statute **“Annual inspections for relicensing shall be conducted with notice, unless otherwise determined by the department.”**

Community-based care facilities are governed by different regulations regarding unannounced visits and annual inspection for relicensing. The Department of Health has the jurisdiction of the Adult Residential Care Homes under the guidance of HRS 321-15.6. On the other hand, the Department of Human Services has the jurisdiction of the foster family homes using the guidelines under Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 17, Chapter 1454.

The current practice of the Department of Health through the Office of Health Care Assurance is to send notice to the care home operator regarding an upcoming annual relicensing inspection. The notice says “a certain day of the month but it does not announce the exact date.” The reason OHCA has promulgated this system to allow the care home operator to be present during the inspection. There are many reasons that the care home operator is out the house like bringing residents to their medical appointments, picking up medications, buying provisions and supplies for the residents, outings for residents, and once in a while a trip to the emergency room. In addition, care home operators have also personal appointments and errands. OHCA requires that the primary caregiver, the care home operator, and the residents must be present during the annual relicensing inspection.

The statute already has the provision for unannounced visits. Anybody from the OHCA can conduct unannounced visits at any intervals at its discretion to confirm correction of deficiencies and to investigate complaints for suspicion of neglect and abuse.

The issue of unannounced visit resurfaced last year because a resident passed away in a community-based care facility due to a decubitus ulcer. I do understand the public sentiment regarding the death. In the 90s, there was another death due to the same cause. There was an emotional debate regarding the issue of “unannounced visit”. But such death could be prevented if people are accountable and responsible for what they do. It only takes some administrative actions and measures to prevent such horrible

death. In the care giving industry, **nobody** wants such death to happen. Unannounced visit could be a deterrent but not a solution if people involved in the care of the resident are not doing their responsibilities. What about oversight? Could we have done a better oversight after the case in the 90s? In other words, enacting bills for unannounced visit for relicensing survey is not the answer. We need to enforce, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY and strong OVERSIGHT,

In general, caregivers in all the community-based care facilities are providing excellent care to our aging and frail Kupuna, as indicated by only 2 incidents for the last 25 years. In 2012, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reported 109 surgical deaths in Hawaii due to preventable complications. There are also many vehicular deaths occurring in our highways. Is there any law passed for conduct unannounced visits to surgical sites or to the DMV's?

Mahalo for your attention.

Ramon Sumibcay, MHA, BSN, RN
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Joane E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for allowing me to send my testimony. Caregivers should not be charge with an annual fee of certification , recertification, licensing , and relicensing. With the high cost of living it's really hard to make both ends in running this small businesses . Instead we need a pay raise and be paid on time as a reward in helping the state save millions of dollars by giving shelter and a tender loving care for the sick , aged, disabled population of our community.

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Frances Marie E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for giving the opportunity to send my testimony. Please don't mandate the caregivers to pay their annual fee. Actually they are underpaid . They need pay raise instead and to be paid on time to have their homes open to the aged , sick, disabled population whom they provide shelter and servicing with their daily activities 24/7, 365or 366 days in a year.

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Maile Jane E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting this HB 2005 but please don't mandate the caregivers of CCFFH , ARCH , E-ARCH & Case management agencies their annual fee for certification , recertification, licensing and relicensing . I watched my mother worked hard in rendering help with tender loving care to these individuals who shared a place in her own house.Caregivers in the HCBS needs a pay raise and be paid in a timely manner in order to have their homes open to the needy individuals. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

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Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support for the HB2005 with the recommendation not to mandate the CCFFH , ARCH -E-ARCH & Case Management Agencies to pay an annual fee for certification , recertification, license and relicense because we already helping the state save millions of dollars by providing shelters and services to the sick, aged , disabled population of the community .Instead , we deserve pay raise for working 24/7, 365 or366 days a year.Two private pay individuals should be allow to reside in the same CCFFH . We need to be paid on time with clean claim. ARCH & E-ARCH needs to increase their clients . Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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Jonathan Hanks	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, Chair Morikawa and Committee Members, My name is Jonathan P. Hanks. While the bill HB2005 addresses many issues related to various care homes, I am testifying in support of Part Six which would allow a private pay married couple to be able to live together in the same Community Care Foster Family Home. On April 22, 2009 then Governor Linda Lingle signed SB190 HD1 SD2 into law and said "This is a Great Day, because it ends an Injustice for one family and it brings hope for families who may find themselves in a similar situation". In November of 2014, the Kawamoto family found themselves in a similar situation and the exact same Injustice as the Kaide family from Hilo had to endure in 2009. it was happening all over again, because of a sunset clause. They identified the problem but they didn't affix a permanent solution, so history repeated itself. Almost a year ago to this day the Kawamoto family and I were here in this room 329, testifying on HB600. In the last year, I have witnessed the needless suffering, emotionally and spiritually of Noboru and Elaine Kawamoto, who were married under the laws of the State of Hawaii more than 68 years ago. Community Care foster family homes were originally created to serve Medicaid clients who, due to a lack of financial resources, have limited options for long-term care, but this law also punished the Kaide family and more recently the Kawamotos who can afford to pay for their own care. Due to the expiration of the sunset clause of SB190, state regulation was once again causing the separation of another married couple. It is important to recognize that there are sometimes unintended consequences to the laws which pass and to correct them when that occurs. HB600 HD1 SD2 would have rectified this issue but it was dragged out in conference committee and not given a release from Ways and Means/ and or Finance Committee. Yes, we want to preserve adequate space in long-term care facilities for those with limited options such as welfare or Medicaid Recipients. But, NO state regulation should separate a married couple; this is a fundamental right. It is heart wrenching to see Noboru and Elaine Split up. Noboru, a 95-year-old veteran who served the United States in the 100 th battalion, 442 regimental combat team. He fought in World War II for the freedoms we enjoy today. He has been married for 68 years now, this last year has been the first time he has been separated from his wife for any long period of time. Noboru only gets to see his wife for a short visit 2 times a month. Everyday valuable time is lost that could have been shared together. Every day I

see the pain in his eyes, and the worry for his wife's safety. Both Noboru and Elaine wish to be together and cared for at a Community Care Foster Family Home that is the best fit for his and his wife's personal needs. I don't think any member of the Hawaii legislature would deny their own family member their right to choose what is best medically or financially. There is an increasing need for community care foster family homes in Hawaii. There is also a recognized need to accommodate private-pay individuals who share a long-term relationship. As the cost of medical care continues to rise, it is becoming abundantly apparent that even those who do not rely on Medicaid for their long-term care cannot afford the cost of private care, leaving this population, also, with limited options. We are asking this committee to strike an appropriate and compassionate balance between meeting the needs of Medicaid clients and meeting the needs of private pay individuals by passing this part of this measure. We would like to see HB600 convened in the Conference Committee and acted upon so that it can receive the Governor's signature. In the absence of that, we urge the legislature to pass this part of this measure so that the Kawamotos can reside together and live out what time they have together. I humbly thank this committee for this opportunity to provide testimony. Jonathan P. Hanks

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I am Estelita Casino humbly supporting the HB 2005 with comments in regards to certification, recertification, licensing and relicensing of CCFH, ARCH, E-ARCH and case managers. Care providers should not be mandated to pay an annual fee for license and relicense or certificate or recertification because we are already helping the state save millions of dollars by providing shelter and services for the sick, aged and disabled population of the community. Instead, care providers deserve pay raises for working 24/7, 365 days a year.

Two private pay individuals who are married or in a civil union, should be able to reside in the same CCFH to preserve their marriage vows and their rights as a couple.

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For the ARCH

Type-1


They should be allowed at least 6 residents plus increase of pay

For the E-ARCHS

Type-2

At least 6 or more residents should be allowed per discretion of the department.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to send my testimony.


Sincerely,

February 15, 2016

To: Honorable Daynette (Dee) Morikawa, 586-6281
Committee Chair of Human Services

Co. Chairs:

Rep. Della Au Belati, 586-9431
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Md., 586-9608
Rep. Fukumuto Chang, 586-8464
Rep. Bert Kobayashi, 586-6311
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, 586-6702
Rep. Andrea Tupola, 586-8469

Re: House Bill 2005

*CCFFH, ARCH, E-ARCH and Case Managers
Certification/Recertification/Licensing and Relicensing Fees*

Care providers should not be mandated to pay above-mentioned fees because the State has been saving millions of dollars from us. Instead of charging us these fees, I strongly believe that we deserve pay raise for providing shelter and services 24/7, 365 days a year for the sick/ aged/ disabled/population of the community.

Two (2) Private Pay in a CCFFH

I firmly agree that a 2-private pay individuals who are married or in a civil union should be able to reside in the same CCFFH to preserve their marriage vows.

ARCH Operators

Type-1

They should get at least 6 residents plus increase of pay.

E-ARCH Operators

Type-2

At least 6 or more residents shall be allowed per discretion of the department.

In general, I strongly support HB 2005.

Hoping that you will consider my testimony.

Respectfully yours,

LIBERTY Q. ALBANO, CNA/PCG
CCFFH Operator
Member, Big Island Adult Foster Home Operators

February 15, 2016

To: Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti – Committee Chair on Health
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, MD – Co Chair
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For the E-ARCHS

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February 9, 2016

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Committee Chair of Human Services

Co. Chair Rep. Della Au Bellati,
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, MD.,
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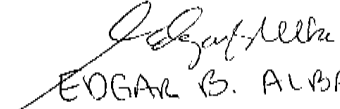
For the E-ARCHS

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helen Sumoba Sapla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: February 16, 2016 Honorable Chair---Della Au Belatti Honorable Vice Chair---Richard P. Creagan Members: Mark J. Hashem Marcus R. Oshiro Jo Jordan Beth Fukumoto Chang Bertrand Kobayashi Andria P.L. Tupola Dee Morikawa I am Helen Sapla humbly supporting the HB 2005 with some recommendations: State saves millions of dollars by placing the frail elderly, the the mentally and physically challenge individual in our care homes instead in an institution. Due to the coming big waves of elderly generation the state should be more thoughtful without compromising the safety and health of the elderly population. We already have enough rules and regulations in place. All we have to do is to revisit them and see what works and doesn't work. To improve the industry is to look at the big picture. There should be more open intelligent , practical and common sense approach to different sector of the industry which includes the legislators, health departments, health plans, caregivers, and consumers. Certification/re-certification, licensing and re-licensing of CCFH, ARCH, E-ARCH and Case Managers . We never have pay raise for long time and cost of living is always raising so fast so is in operating our business. Being a small business Care Home operator licensed for three clients these are the basic expenses: Mortgage/rent, homeowner and flood insurance, professional and liability insurance, car payment,car insurance,gas,foods,utilities: water , electricity, telephone,home maintainance/repair, respite caregivers fee \$10.00 /hr,GE taxstate taxes for all the commodities we buy for the business 4%.With all the aforementioned expenses there is nothing left for the caregivers. In addition we still have to buy our own private health insurance because we want to maintain our good health to provide good services. Therefore no additional licensing/relicensing fee from caregivers for operating our business. With the love and compassion and good services we provide for our elderly 24/7 we deserve more respect and monetary compensation so we can maintain, improve and continue the quality of care that we are providing now to those needy individuals who depend on us. \$46.06 per day per patient for services is just a sacrifice of love. We deserve to have a fair share of the American dream equality and justice for all. I strongly disagree with any licensing/relicensing fee. Private pay patient---CCFCH needs two private pay client either couple or two private individuals not related and a Medicaid patient in order to better operate our business for the benefit of client and caregivers. Thank you very

much for this opportunity to testify. Helen Sapla CCFCH operator

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Jayvie Sumoba	Individual	Support	No

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Jonnel Saloma	Individual	Support	No

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Genevie tuliao	Individual	Support	No

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Edna Salom	Individual	Support	No

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Alejandro Salom	Individual	Support	No

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Jopher Salom	Individual	Support	No

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Romeo Salom JR	Individual	Support	No

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Francesca Dalere	Individual	Support	No

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Estela Ellazar	Individual	Support	No

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Norma Subia	Individual	Support	No

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Divina Eder	Individual	Support	No

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Pancho Sumoba	Individual	Support	No

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Rueda Ramos	Individual	Support	No

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Nora Rimando	Individual	Support	No

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Robert de la Cruz	Individual	Support	No

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To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Human Services Committee Chair
Date: February 11, 2016, 9:30 AM, House Conference, Rm 329
Re: H.B. 2005 – Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

My name is *Harlow Murray*. I am a Care Home Operator in *Waipahu*. My testimony is in SUPPORT of HB 2005 but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

Unannounced visit by itself does not ensure the health, safety and welfare of the seniors placed in any of the community-based care facilities. There are already existing statute and administrative rules that govern, control and monitor caregivers under Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS), respectively. We just need to enforce responsibility and accountability to all the main players of the caregiving industry.

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Last year, a law was enacted mandating DOH to post deficiencies of all annual inspections on its website. In addition, HB 2005 requires the department to complete posting within 5-working days upon conclusion of all inspections. Under the current system, I am not sure how the 5 working days be achieved. The department may just have to be more efficient in carrying out these tasks.

For the last 4-5 years, OHCA has been pushing this issue of collecting licensing and re-licensing fees from the care facilities. There are caregivers who take care of Medicaid beneficiaries, and they are not compensated enough by the State. It is unconscionable to levy fees on them. I believe \$25-50 is reasonable fee across the board.

HB 2005 brings back the argument whether community-based foster family homes should be allowed to care for 2-private pay residents. At last year's legislative session, we heard the appeal for an elderly couple, one is a private pay and the other is a Medicaid beneficiary, and they wanted to be in the same family foster home. DHS strongly defended the existing regulation that family foster home program was established to accommodate the placement for the Medicaid clients. The family foster home program is partly federally-funded.

Undeniably, many community-based family foster homes are saving the state millions of dollars by taking care of clients who could be in a nursing home. We are all aware how much it costs to stay in nursing home. Are these caregivers paid enough? Do they deserve fair compensation? Are the Case Management agencies paid enough to handle the case load of foster home residents? The state has the responsibility responding to these questions. If only caregivers are paid in a timely manner, maybe we don't have to discuss about late payment interest. The burden is on the State to provide fair and timely compensation.

As described at the beginning, Hawaii's elderly population is growing fast and living longer. It is just logical to increase the capacity of Type I home to 3 skilled-nursing level of care residents.

Mahalo for your attention.


Care Home Administrator

February 15, 2016

To: Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti – Committee Chair on Health
 Rep. Richard P. Creagan, MD – Co Chair
 Rep. Fukamoto Chang – Co Chair
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Sincerely, *Almira*
 Almira L. Acasio
 Acasio Foster Family Home

February 15, 2016

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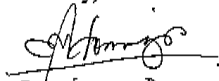
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Emilie Domingo

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VIA FAX 808-586-9608

February 17, 2016

RE: HB2005 HD1 – Testimony in Strong Support of Section V and Requesting Amendments to Section II – HLT 2/17/16 – Rm. 329 8:45 a.m.

Dear Chair Belatti and Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

My name is BERNARD F. SARMIENTO I am a member of the Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) and a proud operator of a Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH). I support strongly support HB2005 HD1, especially Section V.

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To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Human Services Committee Chair
Date: February 11, 2016, 9:30 AM, House Conference, Rm 329
Re: H.B. 2005 – Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

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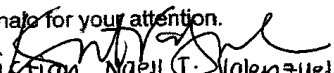
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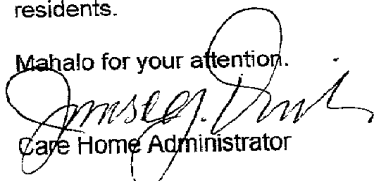
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RE: HB2005 HD1 - Testimony in Strong Support of Section V and Requesting Amendments to Section II - HLT 2/17/16 - Rm. 329 8:45 a.m.

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Date: February 11, 2016 9:30 AM, House Conference, Rm 329
Re: H.B. 2005 – Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

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My name is ^{MARENILA} DURAN. I am a Care Home Operator in WAIPAHU. My testimony is in SUPPORT of HB 2005 but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice-Chair

Date: February 17, 2016, 8:45 AM, House Conference, R
Re: H.B. 2005, HD1- Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan and Committee Members:

My name is *Emer Archana* I am a Care Home Operator in *Palolo*. My written testimony is in SUPPORT of HB 2005 but in strong OPPOSITION of Part II Section 2 of the bill.

HRS 321-15.6 has been in existence, I am respectfully asking the Committee to put back the language of the statute "**Annual inspections for relicensing shall be conducted with notice, unless otherwise determined by the department.**"

Community-based care facilities are governed by different regulations regarding unannounced visits and annual inspection for relicensing. The Department of Health has the jurisdiction of the Adult Residential Care Homes under the guidance of HRS 321-15.6. On the other hand, the Department of Human Services has the jurisdiction of the foster family homes using the guidelines under Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 17, Chapter 1454. The current practice of the Department of Health through the Office of Health Care Assurance is to send notice to the care home operator regarding an upcoming annual relicensing inspection. The notice says "a certain day of the month but it does not announce the exact date." The reason OHCA has promulgated this system to allow the care home operator to be present during the inspection. There are many reasons that the care home operator is out the house like bringing residents to their medical appointments, picking up medications, buying provisions and supplies for the residents, outings for residents, and once in a while a trip to the emergency room. In addition, care home operators have also personal appointments and errands. OHCA requires that the primary caregiver, the care home operator, and the residents must be present during the annual relicensing inspection.

The statute already has the provision for unannounced visits. Anybody from the OHCA can conduct unannounced visits at any intervals at its discretion to confirm correction of deficiencies and to investigate complaints for suspicion of neglect and abuse.

The issue of unannounced visit resurfaced last year because a resident passed away in a community-based care facility due to a decubitus ulcer. I do understand the public sentiment regarding the death. In the 90s, there was another death due to the same cause. There was an emotional debate regarding the issue of "unannounced visit". But such death could be prevented if people are accountable and responsible for what they do. It only takes some administrative actions and measures to prevent such horrible death. In the care giving industry, nobody wants such death to happen. Unannounced visit could be a deterrent but not a solution if people involved in the care of the resident are not doing their responsibilities. What about oversight? Could we have done a better

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To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Human Services Committee Chair
Date: February 11, 2016, 9:30 AM, House Conference, Rm 329
Re: H.B. 2005 - Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

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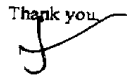
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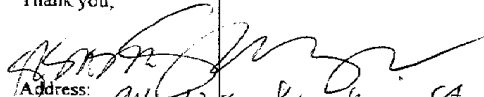
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Representative Richard Creagan, Vice-Chair

Date: February 17, 2016, 8:45 AM, House Conference, R
Re: H.B. 2005, HD1-- Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan and Committee Members:

My name is *Hermelina Apuyai* am a Care Home Operator in *Kapolei*. My written testimony is in SUPPORT of HB 2005 but in strong OPPOSITION of Part II Section 2 of the bill.

HRS 321-15.6 has been in existence, I am respectfully asking the Committee to put back the language of the statute "**Annual inspections for relicensing shall be conducted with notice, unless otherwise determined by the department.**"

Community-based care facilities are governed by different regulations regarding unannounced visits and annual inspection for relicensing. The Department of Health has the jurisdiction of the Adult Residential Care Homes under the guidance of HRS 321-15.6. On the other hand, the Department of Human Services has the jurisdiction of the foster family homes using the guidelines under Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 17, Chapter 1454. The current practice of the Department of Health through the Office of Health Care Assurance is to send notice to the care home operator regarding an upcoming annual relicensing inspection. The notice says "a certain day of the month but it does not announce the exact date." The reason OHCA has promulgated this system to allow the care home operator to be present during the inspection. There are many reasons that the care home operator is out the house like bringing residents to their medical appointments, picking up medications, buying provisions and supplies for the residents, outings for residents, and once in a while a trip to the emergency room. In addition, care home operators have also personal appointments and errands. OHCA requires that the primary caregiver, the care home operator, and the residents must be present during the annual relicensing inspection.

The statute already has the provision for unannounced visits. Anybody from the OHCA can conduct unannounced visits at any intervals at its discretion to confirm correction of deficiencies and to investigate complaints for suspicion of neglect and abuse.

The issue of unannounced visit resurfaced last year because a resident passed away in a community-based care facility due to a decubitus ulcer. I do understand the public sentiment regarding the death. In the 90s, there was another death due to the same cause. There was an emotional debate regarding the issue of "unannounced visit". But such death could be prevented if people are accountable and responsible for what they do. It only takes some administrative actions and measures to prevent such horrible death. In the care giving industry, nobody wants such death to happen. Unannounced visit could be a deterrent but not a solution if people involved in the care of the resident are not doing their responsibilities. What about oversight? Could we have done a better

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Dear Chair Belatti and Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

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Dear Chair Belatti and Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

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To: Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti – Committee Chair on Health
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, MD – Co Chair
Rep. Fukamoto Chang – Co Chair
Rep. Jo Jordan – Co Chair
Rep. Bert Kobayashi – Co Chair
Rep. Daynette (Dee) Morikawa – Co Chair
Rep. Marcus Oshiro – Co Chair
Rep. Andrea Tupola – Co Chair

I am ROYAL SOLMERIN humbly supporting the HB 2005 with comments in regards to certification, recertification, licensing and relicensing of CCFH, ARCH, E-ARCH and case managers. Care providers should not be mandated to pay an annual fee for license and relicense or certificate or recertification because we are already helping the state save millions of dollars by providing shelter and services for the sick, aged and disabled population of the community. Instead, care providers deserve pay raises for working 24/7, 365 days a year.

Two private pay individuals who are married or in a civil union, should be able to reside in the same CCFH to preserve their marriage vows and their rights as a couple.

Care providers deserve to be payed on time with clean claims. Payments in timely manner is rewarding for the care providers.

For the ARCH

Type-1

They should be allowed at least 6 residents plus increase of pay

For the E-ARCHS

Type-2

At least 6 or more residents should be allowed per discretion of the department.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to send my testimony.

Sincerely,

Royal Solmerin, CNA, PCS
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To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Human Services Committee Chair
Date: February 11, 2016, 9:30 AM, House Conference, Rm 329
Re: H.B. 2005 – Relating to Caregivers Omnibus Bill

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

My name is ~~TESSIE FACTORA~~ *TESSIE FACTORA* a Care Home Operator in *Pearl City*. My testimony is in SUPPORT of HB 2005 but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

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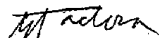
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Honorable Della-Au Belatti
Chair, Committee on Health

Regarding HB2005 HDI Omnibus Caregivers Bill;

My name is Melba Daak, a Care Home Provider on the Big Island. Please consider this letter as my written testimony, regarding;

Part V- Section 8
License, relicense, certification and recertification fee -

We, the Care Home Providers of the Adult Residential Care homes, have been requesting a compensation increase since year 2007.

Our current monthly compensation amount is \$1,350.90, per patient. A new Certification Fee would equate to an even lesser rate of pay. Due to the nature of our business, it is very common to endure periods of time with only a couple of resident patients, due to natural life cycles. These types of unpredictable events would make the new Certification Fee even more difficult to afford.

We would be agreeable to new annual certification fees, but only if our monthly compensation were increased to allow us to afford those fees. An annual Certification Fee of \$50 would be very reasonable, if our compensation increase request is also approved.

Part VII- Section 14
Compensation for Caregivers -

We, the Care Home Providers, propose a new monthly minimum compensation amount of \$3,000.00, per patient, per month.

This proposed amount would still be 57% less than the Nursing Care Facilities are being compensated. After payment of the required 4% Excise Tax, this would only leave \$2880 per month, inclusive of all costs for services we provide.

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From the current monthly compensation rate of \$1350.90, (per month per patient), a 4% General Excise Tax is imposed, leaving only \$1296.86 for all required costs and services.

Within the current \$1296.86 compensation amount, the Care Home Provider is required to provide personal transportation, to transport patients for all doctor office visits. We are also required to provide a Certified Substitute to watch other home patients, while escorting a patient to a doctor's office or picking up prescriptions at a pharmacy. A Cancer Patient may need to visit a doctor's office, on a daily basis, for 6 weeks or more. There are no extra compensation allowances for these types of extended care costs.

We are also required to carry extra Business Liability Insurance for our homes and cars. In addition, there are many incidental expenses that we cover, like the cost of food and utilities.

At the current a rate of \$1296.86 per month, the State of Hawaii is now paying only \$42.64 per day, inclusive of all costs. Where else in Hawaii can anyone be sustained for only \$42.64 per day?

Nursing Care Facilities are being paid \$7000+ (per month, per patient). The State is now paying 418% more to Nursing Care Facilities, for the same services.

It seems entirely unfair that Nursing Care Facilities are being paid \$7000 to \$8000 monthly by the State of Hawaii – for the same services that Home Caregivers are being compensated at rate of only \$1350.90 per month.

Thank you,
Melba Daak

