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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

March 2, 2015

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 600 HD1 - RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE
FOSTER FAMILY HOMES**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 4, 2015; 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Health to allow two private pay individuals to be cared for in the same community care foster family home if certain requirements are met.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and provides comments on this bill. The DHS supports the availability of community-based resources for residents but remains concerned that a possible unintended consequence is that the proposed changes may displace or reduce the availability of community care foster homes for Medicaid recipients.

The Community Care Foster Family home (CCFFH) was created under the former Medicaid waiver program of the same name. The foster family home was, and still is, an integral part of the long term care continuum of care and provides a less restrictive

community-based home for Medicaid recipients at a nursing facility level of care. The CCFFH allows recipients to remain in the community rather than go into a nursing home. 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 remove that requirement and allow two private pay residents and only one Medicaid recipient under certain conditions.

While DHS recognizes the need for the CCFFH operator to be able to have sufficient income and the desire to keep individuals such as spouses together, the DHS must ensure the availability of CCFFHs for all Medicaid recipients who do not have the means to privately pay for housing. If the intent is to allow a CCFFH to increase the number of residents in their home, a current option available to them, that does not require legislation, would be to seek licensure as an E-ARCH.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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

Re: HB600 – Testimony in Support

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DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

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PLACE: Conference Room 308

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415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Rep. Romy M. Cachola, Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Rep. Jo Johnson, Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Rep. James Kunane Takioka, Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Rep. Feki Pouha, Rep. Gene Ward.

My name is Elma V. Tierra, and I strongly support House Bill 600. Due to the increasing & significant rise of our standard of living, we need extra income to support our daily needs. Having our 2 private pay will prevent us from working outside our homes. It will provide us extra income to pay our own medical needs. As a Community Care Foster Family Home caregiver we don't have medical coverage. Either we work outside our home to acquire medical insurance coverage or pay our own. The additional private pay client will help us not to struggle to make ends meet.

To the many self-employed caregivers, the HB600 would help all them not turn away from a job they unselfishly chosen in helping Hawaii kupunas or fragile adults and never needing to seek additional jobs to make ends meet. Secondly, it is much more affordable and practical for our kupunas to be in a home type environment instead of Hawaii nursing home facilities that is much more expensive. Lastly, HB600 would be able to help caregivers pay for overhead expenses, compensate state approved substitutes, nursing supplies and mandated trainings, special dietary need per patients, emergency home maintenance, and patient non-medical supplies.

I strongly support HB600 which would increase the number of private pay clients in a Community Care Foster Family Home settings. Thank you for your support & considerations.

Respectfully yours,

Elma V. Tierra

President, Adult Foster Home of the Pacific

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Big Island Adult foster home operators	Support	No

Comments: The BIAFHO's strongly support the HB600 to respect the rights of a married couple. Thank you for allowing us to support .

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I AM A CAREGIVER/CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT I SUPPORT HB600.

AS A FACT, HAWAII'S COST OF LIVING IS REPORTED TO BE ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION. THE INCREASING COSTS OF LIVING ARE BECOMING UNAFFORDABLE THAT MANY LEAVE HAWAII WHERE JOBS ARE PLENTIFUL AND HIGHER PAY WAGES. HENCE, THE COST OF HOUSING AND DAILY NECESSITIES THERE DOESN'T DRAIN THE MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME TO THE VERY PENNY. SADLY, MANY HAWAII RESIDENTS HAVE TWO EMPLOYMENTS OR FOUR JOBS PER COUPLE CAUSING HIGH STRESS LEVEL WITHIN FAMILY DYNAMICS.

TO THE MANY SELF-EMPLOYED CAREGIVERS, THE HB 600 WOULD HELP ALL THEM NOT TURN AWAY FROM A JOB THEY UNSELFISHLY CHOSEN IN HELPING HAWAII KUPUNAS OR FRAGILE ADULTS AND NEVER NEEDING TO SEEK ADDITIONAL JOBS TO MAKE ENDS MEET. SECONDLY, IT IS MUCH MORE AFFORDABLE AND PRACTICAL FOR OUR KUPUNAS TO BE IN A HOME TYPE ENVIRONMENT INSTEAD OF HAWAII NURSING HOME FACILITIES THAT IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE. LASTLY, HB 600 WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP CAREGIVERS PAY FOR OVERHEAD EXPENSES, COMPENSATE STATE APPROVED SUBSTITUTES, NURSING SUPPLIES AND MANDATED

TRAININGS, SPECIAL DIETARY NEED PER PATIENTS, EMERGENCY HOME MAINTENANCE, AND PATIENT NON-MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

I PERSONALLY HAVE WITNESSED KUPUNAS WHO ARE ADMITTED IN BEAUTIFUL PRIVATELY OWNED SKILLED NURSING HOMES ARE FINANCIALLY DRAINED TO LIVE THERE. THEIR CHILDREN AS FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEYS ALSO IS AFFECTED TO CONTRIBUTE IF THE INCOME FROM THE KUPUNA IS NOT ENOUGH. CONSEQUENTLY, SOME FACILITIES MAY EVEN PUT A LEIN ON THEIR PATIENT'S HOME TO COVER THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS. NONETHELESS CCFFH FACILITIES ARE AFFORDABLE. CCFFH ARE HOMES WITH CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANTS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CASE MANAGEMENT REGISTERED NURSES AND PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS. CCFFH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST AND INDIVIDUALIZED QUALITY OF CARE AT A PRICE THE RESIDENT CAN STILL HAVE MONEY LEFT FOR THEMSELVES MONTHLY.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB600 FOR CCFFH BECAUSE HELPING SOMEONE LIVE THEMSELVES TO THE FULLEST IN A SPECIAL WAY IS THE BEST JOB EVER.

Sincerely yours.

Ramon C. Tierra , Substitute caregiver

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Waipahu, Hawaii, 96797



Lucrecia Pastor
94-392 Haa'a Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

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My name is Lucrecia Pastor, and I strongly support House Bill 600. Due to the increasing & significant rise of our standard of living, we need extra income to support our daily needs. Having our 2 private pay will prevent us from working outside our homes. It will provide us extra income to pay our own medical needs. As a Community Care Foster Family Home caregiver we don't have medical coverage. Either we work outside our home to acquire medical insurance coverage or pay our own. The additional private pay client will help us not to struggle to make ends meet.

I strongly support HB600 which would increase the number of private pay clients in a Community Care Foster Family Home settings. Thank you for your support & considerations.

Respectfully yours,

Lucrecia Pastor, Primary Caregiver
Community Care Foster Family Home



Lolita Q. Velasco
94-877 Mokuahi Street
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My name is Lolita Q. Velasco, and I strongly support House Bill 600. Due to the increasing & significant rise of our standard of living, we need extra income to support our daily needs. Having our 2 private pay will prevent us from working outside our homes. It will provide us extra income to pay our own medical needs. As a Community Care Foster Family Home caregiver we don't have medical coverage. Either we work outside our home to acquire medical insurance coverage or pay our own. The additional private pay client will help us not to struggle to make ends meet.

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Respectfully yours,

Lolita Q. Velasco, caregiver

Community Care Foster Family Home

From: Christine Matsumoto, Individual Citizen
Submitted on: March 2, 2015

Testimony in support of HB600 HD1, Relating to Community Care Foster Family Homes
Submitted to: House Committee on Finance
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Aloha Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christine Matsumoto, and I support HB600 HD1 because there is a need to provide accommodations, not only for Medicaid recipients, but also for private pay individuals who share a long-term relationship. As the cost of long term medical care continue to rise, even private pay individuals are having great difficulty affording the cost of long term care, leaving this population also with limited options. HB600 HD1 would allow the department of health flexibility to permit two private pay individuals to be cared for in the same community care foster family home, so that those couples who are married can live out their final years together. I believe that marriage is a fundamental right, and as such, this bill needs to become law.

Sincerely,
Christine Matsumoto
Phone: (808)623-5849

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Franklin Mirasol	Individual	Support	No

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Grace Andres	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Jessica Kaye Velasco Ferrer, and I strongly support House Bill 600. Due to the increasing & significant rise of our standard of living, we need extra income to support our daily needs. Having our 2 private pay will prevent us from working outside our homes. It will provide us extra income to pay our own medical needs. As a Community Care Foster Family Home caregiver we don't have medical coverage. Either we work outside our home to acquire medical insurance coverage or pay our own. The additional private pay client will help us not to struggle to make ends meet.

I strongly support HB600 which would increase the number of private pay clients in a Community Care Foster Family Home settings. Thank you for your support & considerations.

Respectfully yours,

Jessica Kaye Velasco Ferrer

Eltierra Adult Foster Carehome

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Joseph Caro	Individual	Support	No

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Maile Jane E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the HB600 because I want parents to live together thru the rest of their lives. Thank you.

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March 4, 2015 To: House Committee on Finance Rep. Rep. Sylvia Luke---Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto-----Vice Chair Re- Community Care Foster Family Homes; Private-Pay; Medicaid Clients Madame Chairman and members of the committee, I am Helen Sapla, Adult Foster Home Operator from the Big Island. I strongly support HB600 because this is another version of SB190 in 2009 that sunset in 2011. In 2009 I had a patient named Sidney Kaide, who was a private-pay. After five years his wife Terry Kaide had a back surgery so she could not take care herself anymore. At this point she wanted to join her husband in my care home but, she was also a private pay. Therefore she was not allowed because we, the Adult Foster Home can only have one private pay. When SB190 in was introduced in 2009 the family worked hard to help pass the bill. The hardships that they went through was physically and emotionally draining. Terry Kaide in a wheelchair flew from Hilo to the State Capitol whenever there was a hearing. When Terry came to visit her husband from another Adult Foster Home she always say to her husband (bed bound) holding his hands, "we worked so hard for our savings thinking that when we get old we have money to support ourselves.... and now we are being punished by the law for being able to pay for our care. We are not asking for money at this point just to be together for the last days of our lives. Sixty three years we are together,its hard for me to understand why there is such a law that separate us when we get old. " In April 2009 Governor Lingle SB190 signed into law and she said "It ends an injustice for one family and it brings hope to families who may find themselves in a similar situation. It is about real people and their lives together"... While the governor was signing the bill Terry Kaide watched from her wheel chair and said, " I'm so happy. I feel great so now we don't have to get permission to live together. We are free." This SB190 after signing into law sunset in two years. The promises were gone! In closing I sincerely ask to support the intent of HB600 that will give equality and justice for elderly,like the Kaides once enjoyed. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to testify. Helen Sapla Adult Family Foster Home Operator Big Island

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March 4, 2015

Norma Tan
President
*Adult Foster Homecare
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RE: **HB600 – Testimony in Strong Support** – FIN 3/4/15 – Rm. 308 11:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committees:

Thelma Ortal
Immediate Past President
*Adult Foster Homecare
Association of Hawaii*

We **strongly support HB600**, which allows for two private-pay clients in a Community Care Foster Family Home (foster homes) where the two private-pay clients are in a special relationship with each other such as a married couple, reciprocal beneficiaries, or siblings. At a recent meeting of AFHA, an organization of over 700 foster homes we collected many signatures, which I have attached, indicating support for this measure.

Indeed, the heart of the foster home program is the family. We take disadvantaged individuals into our home and make them a part of our family. A sense of being part of a family is vital to any human being. Although we count our clients as part of our own family living in the home where we live, some clients would do even better if they could bring their own family into the home.

Clients who are separated from their own family often suffer severe trauma and depression. Outcomes would improve if they were able to live with their own family members like their spouse. Imagine being in a loving marriage or relationship for 50 years and then suddenly being separated. We want to admit clients who will fit well with our clients for their own well-being.

Medicaid clients will continue to have a place in our homes and will continue to be first priority. The foster home program, along with the other long-term care programs, have sufficient space for Medicaid clients, but the inflexible rule of having only one private-pay client is often detrimental to non-Medicaid clients.

Private-pay clients need care just as everyone else. They should have a right to remain in our home if it is their free choice and the choice of their family. They deserve to be treated with dignity and have their choices respected.

For these reasons, we **strongly support HB 600**.

Very truly yours,

Norma Tan
President

About AFHA

The Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) is the industry trade association of providers under the Community Care Foster Family Home program under the Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii. With a membership of almost 750 providers, AFHA's mission is to promote the interests of providers as well as resident clients. AFHA members provide 24-hour care to resident clients 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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2) Maricel C. Rosario	Maricel Rosario	677-9109
3. WILLIAM FLORES, JR	CIPS	753-2808
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My name is Erinda Orta. I operate a community care foster family home called Orta's Foster Home

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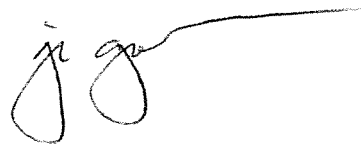
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My name is CHRISTIAN JOSEPH GAERLAIN I operate a community care foster family home called ANGEL'S LIVING COMMUNITY

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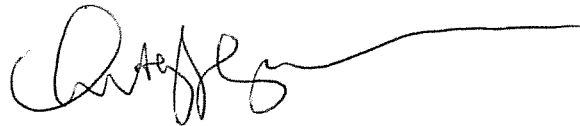
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Members of the Committees on Health and Human Services:

My name is MARIBEL TAN. I operate a community care foster family home called TAN'S FOSTER HOME, LLC.

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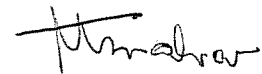
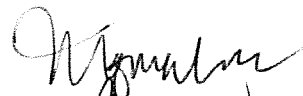

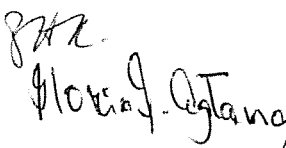
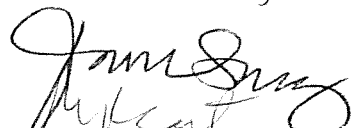
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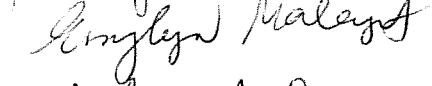
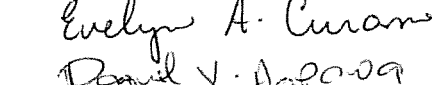
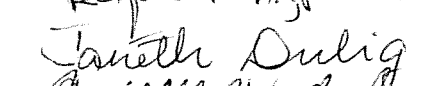


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Please pass HB600.

Hayden Collado *Hayden Collado*

Cheryll Collado - *Cheryll Collado*

SUSAN D. GANITOXO - *Susan D. Ganitoxo*

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pancho Sumibcay Sumoba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB600 married couple to live together especially in the last days of their lives. It is the legal and right thing to do. There should be NO Law to break family apart. Good family unity is the foundation of good society and government. Thank you.

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Jayvie Agcaili Sumoba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB600 for married couple to together either in an Expanded Care Home or Community Adult Foster Home of their choice. "Give them choices their way". They deserve respect and dignity. Thank you.

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Hearing on HB600

Wednesday March 4, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony:

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee members. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Jonathan P. Hanks, My wife Arlene and I run a Community Care Family Foster Home. My wife has been a certified CCFFH operator continuously for the last fourteen years. I've been caring for elderly in our home for the last nine years. I am also certified as an Adult Residential Care Home Operator. Care homes originally started out in Hawaii as group homes. Caring for Hawaii's Medicaid recipients is everyone's responsibility. As our elderly population is increasing we need as many options as possible for elderly in long term care. We are currently caring for a veteran who served the United States in the 100th battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team. He swam in the Natatorium as a teen ager. He was working on the Docks on Nimitz Highway when the Japanese flew over and bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He fought in World War II for the freedoms we enjoy today. His name is Noboru Kawamoto. He has been married for 67 years to his wife Elaine; this is the first time he has been separated from his wife for any long period of time. Marriage is a fundamental right and there is no legitimate reason to keep this couple apart. Both Noboru and Elaine wish to be together in happiness and live out what time they have together at our Community Care Family Foster Home in their home town of Kaneohe. Please pass this Bill HB600, and allow 2 private pay clients in the same CCFFH. I stand in Strong support of HB600. I humbly thank this Committee for this opportunity to be heard.

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Jonnel Jularbal Salom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB600. Married couple must stay together to be in compliance with the marriage contract, Till Death Do Us Part" To make a choice for this married couple (whether young or elderly) where to stay or live is no longer a democracy. They did not commit a crime to be punished. Give them a choice "their way"

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Romeo Salom Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB600 without any second thought because married are legally bind together with their marriage contract, "Till Death Do Us Part". Very simple. Therefore married couple must be together in a Expanded Care Home or Community Adult Foster Home of their choice until such time that marriage contract has been terminated by both parties or one dies.

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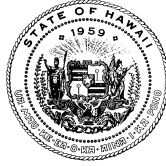
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edna Sumoba Salom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB600 because it is the right action to do. It means unifying family members together as one. Family unification is the right move that government has to encourage everyone from young ones to adulthood. It is a good foundation for a better society.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of INTENT with COMMENTS to House Bill 600, HD 1
RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Room Number: 308

1 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to support the intent of HB 600, HD 1
2 with comments.

3 The intent of this bill is to allow two clients in a relationship to live in the same
4 community care foster family home (CCFFH) when both clients are private pay.

5 The CCFFH program was specifically designed and established to save the state money
6 while ensuring quality health care in an approved setting. Instead of paying for Medicaid
7 recipients to receive nursing facility level health care in an institution such as a skilled nursing
8 facility, they could receive care in a home-like setting at lower costs to the state. As a result, this
9 program was primarily established with Medicaid nursing level of care recipients in mind.

10 DOH's licensure programs are intended to ensure patient safety and quality of care. In
11 addition to clinical quality of care, life safety, and physical plant requirements among other
12 things, licensees must demonstrate the business and financial ability to operate a home regardless
13 of their specific sources of revenue. Licensure does not require or otherwise consider the
14 licensees' specific sources of revenues. Licensees establish their own fee schedules without
15 DOH scrutiny or regulation and they contract with payors as they wish.

1 This bill changes that and could establish a precedent for DOH's other licensure
2 programs. This bill will authorize DOH to consider specific sources of revenue for the care
3 home operator other than what was originally intended as part of the overall licensure process.

4 Nevertheless, the intent of this bill is to allow nursing level of care couples in an
5 objectively verifiable relationship to live their latter days together in a CCFFH. This is highly
6 desirable. HD 1 made the bill less confusing than the originally submitted bill but the
7 department continues to have concerns.

8 First, HD 1 restricts the relationship to married couples. This would not authorize the
9 department to allow couples in civil unions to live together. The bill should allow civil union
10 couples the same ability.

11 Second, HD 1 continues to require both individuals in the relationship to be private pay.
12 The bill assumes that in a certified 3-bed home, the couples are both private pay while the 3rd
13 resident is on Medicaid. However, the couple could have different payor sources, that is, the
14 husband could be on Medicaid, the 2nd resident could be private pay, and the wife could be
15 private pay. In this case the state would not be authorized to allow the couple to live together in
16 the 3-bed home. Instead, the bill should simply authorize the department to allow couples in an
17 objectively verifiable relationship such as married or in a civil union to live together in a 3-bed
18 certified CCFFH regardless of their sources of payments.

19 Third, the bill should also be clear that once the relationship no longer exists the bed must
20 revert back to use for the Medicaid population as was originally intended and as defined in
21 statute at HRS §321-481.

1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of HB 600, HD1 and to
2 provide comments as a way to help shape policy to prudently and compassionately meet the
3 needs of specific individuals by granting the authority to the department to act with discretion
4 and flexibility.

5 **Offered Amendments:** Amend page 3 line 16 through 19 and page 4 lines 5 through 7 as
6 follows:

7 Page 3 line 16 through 19:

8 (A) The department, in its discretion, may allow two
9 private-pay individuals to be cared for in the same
10 community care foster family home if all of the
11 following are met:

12 Page 4 lines 5 through 7:

13 (iii) ~~The two private-pay~~ Two of the three nursing level
14 clients are in a relationship with each other as a
15 married or civil union couple; and

16 (iv) The department, in its discretion, may disregard the
17 payor status of the clients in a married or civil
18 union relationship; and

19 (v) The department, in its discretion, may redesignate at
20 least one of the two private-pay beds to a Medicaid
21 bed when the couple's relationship ceases to exist;
22 and



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Jocelyn Peregrino de la Cruz	Individual	Support	No

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To: Committee Chair on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke

Date: March 4, 2015, 1100 AM House Conference, Rm 308

Re: HB 600 – Relating to Community Care Foster Family Homes; Private-pay
Clients; Medicaid Clients

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

My name is Ramon Sumibcay. I am a registered nurse and one of the officers of Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support for HB 600 Relating to Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFHs allowing married couple to live together in a foster home).

Mahalo.

Ramon Sumibcay

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Alejandro Salom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB600 married couple to stay together. Passing this bill is the right thing to do. They have rights like anyone of us. Give them choices their way. They don't live long enough anyway. They maybe terminally ill or just only need comfort care while waiting to die. At least let them be together before their time comes to an end. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jopher Salom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB600 married couple to stay together. Medicaid pay couple and private pay couple both belong to the human race. Where is flaw of the law lies? Fix it to have equality and justice for all. Thank you.

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Romeo Salom Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB600 for married couple to stay together. There should be no dicrimination on where the frail elderly and people with disability live regardless of finanacial ability. There should be equality and justice for all in every ways. Thank you.

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Bernadette Carlson	Individual	Support	No

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TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, ViceChair
Committee on Finance

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FROM: Margie R. Agliam, Adult Foster Provider and a former President of AFHOP

SUBJECT: H.B. 600 HD 1- RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Health to allow two private pay individuals to be cared for in the same community care foster family home if certain requirements are met.

My name is Margie Agliam, an Adult Foster provider been on this industry for over 15 years. I am hereby to support H.B. 600. In 2009, the bill that is relevant to H.B. 600, was passed however, it was never utilize due to its complex requirements. That bill is for a couple that either wife or husband must stay in a home for five years prior to admit the other one. This bill did not work to any foster home because upon reaching the limited time our Kapuna become more ill or passed away.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the legislative members who introduced the H.B. 600. The bill is intended for a couple to stay in the same community care foster family home to continually create memories together even at their very end years. This will allow communication of their needs, emotional connectivity to ease any physical or mentally condition that an individual may have. It is never interpreted as financial purpose for a provider but for the most part is to provide an importance to an elderly couple's needs to maintain and increase their level of security and awareness to all the community people. This will allow a low cost of financial to a couple's family or themselves rather than placing the other person to an assisted living, nursing homes, or even a private caregiver at their own homes.

Recently, the case at the Big Island which the husband who had depression and later died was pitiful he does not have no one to comfort him. When can we open our senses to these old, frail, and helpless individuals that need more than just a care they need their loved ones to be with them especially for those helpless couples that leave on their own and for those Kapunas who does not wanted to be separated? I hope in my testimony will serve as an eye-opener to everyone here in this room and will spread what we can offer to our Kapunas.

In addition, crisis is looming in Hawaii regarding the care and housing of our elder. Precisely, as the age of our elderly is increasing at an ever-growing rate, the cost of living, the cost of purchasing a house, and the cost of medical care are very expensive. We consider as community resources and we open our homes to every elderly within our community, We are here to serve

the people. Not just to earn a living but because caregiving is "our passion, we love what we are doing, and because these people needs our care and we will continue to serve".

I strongly urge the committee chair to pass HB 600 because we need to uncover the holes, potential problems now, and ongoing basis due to the love and aloha we have for our elderly couples with the crisis of most families being unable to care for them 24 hours a day. It is imperative that we make the proper housing to our elderly amongst us is the highest priority.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify. I wholly support the passage of HB600.

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from directly, we will continue to work.

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Cordially Yours,

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