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Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Time: 1:15pm Place: conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Good Morning Chair, Vice-Chair and Members:

My name is Lilia Fajotina, President of ARCA, Alliance of ResidentialCareAdministrators

I strongly support the intent of HB859,HD1

According to Section 321 – 1.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes: ‘Beginning with inspections occurring on January 1, 2015, the Department of Health shall post on its website electronic copies of reports for all inspections it performs of state-licensed care facilities.’

HB 859 asks to amend the statute further as ‘in addition to the inspection report information being posted on the website, the Department of Health shall maintain a forum on its website where all state-licensed care facilities may post vacancy information to facilitate the placement’ of consumers actively looking for placement especially those urgent need or in emergency placements where abuse and/or neglect is suspected in the Home or Facility.

There were issues or problems with inappropriate placements in the past where the resident or client does not have a clue where he or she was going to live and was not given the choice or not even seen the home. Discharge planners in the hospitals or long term care facilities mostly just talk the patient who is being discharged or family into living in an area the resident or resident’s family do not prefer or desire for their love one to live or stay. With the list of vacancies on the website, they can navigate into the system and see for themselves what’s available for them. DOH has a printed list of care homes for example to give to the prospect resident and family. It has many pages and it could be overwhelming, especially to someone who does not even know what a Care Home or a Foster Home is; their differences, their type of clients, and so on. Consumers should be able to have a place where they can go directly to look what’s available for them; the freedom to select without compliance from discharge planners or case managers/workers.

I believe in transparency. The list of vacancies should be included in the website and not limited to the: Name of the facility; Name of the Primary Caregiver; demographics; location; a short description of the facility; if it is ADA approved facility or if can accommodate wheelchair bound clients; if the facility is recommended and any other that the DOH deemed important to include.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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| Big Island Adult Foster Home Operators | Big Island Adult foster home operators | Support | No |

Comments: We the BIAFHO's strongly agree that this measure be pass for the purpose of educating the community and public awareness. Thank you for allowing us to testify .

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| Grace Andres | Individual | Support | No |

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| Frances Marie E Cariaga | Individual | Support | No |

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