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The Honorable Jill N Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SCR 88 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEATH TO ESTABLISH
FEES FOR LICENSURE AND RECERTIFICATION OF VARIOUS FACILITIES
Decision Making: Tuesday April 5, 2016. 1:00 PM Conference Room 211

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee;

The Arc in Hawaii **STRONGLY OPPOSES** SCR 88 which requests the Department of Health to impose licensing-type fees upon certain vital and underfunded community care “facilities” that serve Hawaii’s most vulnerable and needy citizens.

The Arc in Hawaii operates 10 very small non-profit developmental disabilities domiciliary homes on Oahu. They serve only low-income persons with disabilities. The marginal costs not covered by the residents’ meager SSI allowance are covered by the State Supplement to SSI (SSI Supp). Any licensing fee we would need to pay to DOH would come from the SSI Supp payment received by the resident. Thus, DOH would be robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Operating costs constantly increase, but compensation rates do not keep pace. Heaping another cost on the operators creates a dangerous situation. As it is, the SSI Supp has not been increased for eight years and the Administration and Legislature repeatedly shoot down proposals to increase the amount to at least help with cost inflation.

These targeted “facilities” are vital elements in the State’s care of disabled and aged citizens. Most of the “facilities“ are better described as “homes”- they are not large institutions that can absorb the cost or spread them over numerous clients. Most are operated by individuals, families, or, as in our case, struggling nonprofits.

Adding unnecessary costs to the providers’ current burden may finally tip the scale and cause closure of these “facilities” with the losses of homes by those who need them so badly.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Testimony for WAM on Apr 5, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Kamaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR88, specifically with regards to Adult Foster Homes for individuals with DD. The Adult Foster Homes 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]. The Adult Foster Homes 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. Adult Foster Homes are not facilities, and we are not a business. Adult Foster should not be categorized with such businesses because they ARE NOT facility they are the same as children's foster homes and if the Children's Foster Home isn't mentioned then the Adult Foster Homes for DD shouldn't be mentioned.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Quiambao	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR88, specifically with regards to Adult Foster Homes for individuals with DD. Adult Foster Homes are not facilities or business. We are the same as children's foster homes and if they aren't mentioned we shouldn't be mentioned. Please remove Adult Foster Homes for DD or add Children's Foster Home. Thank you

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J. Quiambao	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I strongly oppose SCR88 specifically with regards to adult Foster Home for individual DD, Adult Foster Home is not a facility is not exactly child foster home which is a family home we are not a business. If a child foster home is not mention then we should not mention because we are the same.

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