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February 8, 2017

TO: The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1510 - Relating to Health**

Hearing: February 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the opportunity to testify and provides comments.

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

DHS defers to the Department of Health (DOH) regarding all the licensing and reporting sections of the bill. DHS will comment on the rate suggestions and the policy changes for the community care foster homes.

We appreciate the policy goals to increase the availability of affordable long term care options for all. However, to clarify that Community Care Foster Homes (CCFH) were initially developed for Medicaid members because there were not other non-institutional options for their care. As changes to the CCFH program are proposed, it is our interest that continued access by Medicaid recipients be maintained now and into the future. Thus, while DOH is given discretion to allow more than two private-pay individuals in a CCFH under certain

circumstances, DHS would seek to add additional protections to ensure that all Medicaid members in need of long term care and services would have access, such as a private pay member would not displace a Medicaid member, or that the CCFH has had a vacancy for more than six months without a Medicaid member looking for placement. Without those kinds of explicit conditions, we would remain concerned about access to the CCFHs in the long term for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The bill also includes increases in compensation for caregivers and case managers. We would like to clarify that DHS Med-QUEST Division contracts with health plans that contract and pay for home and community based services provided by CCFHs and adult residential homes. Additionally, if increases in reimbursement rates were included, DHS would need to seek approval of the increases from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal regulatory agency for state Medicaid programs. Also, a general funds appropriation would be needed to be able to pay the higher rates.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
and

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

Dear Representatives Morikawa and Au Belatti, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: HB 1510 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) appreciates the intent of HB1510 and offers comments and/or proposed amendments specific to the appropriate sections of the bill. The purpose of the bill is to create and establish various policies to adequately address the various issues concerning the elderly and disabled and the community healthcare industry while ensuring consumer protection for Hawaii's elderly and disabled.

Comments and/or Proposed Amendments:

1. Page 2, SECTION 2 and Page 3, SECTION 3. It is not clear on what is "any community-based care home" in addition to adult residential care home and expanded adult residential care home.
 - A. Are adult foster homes for individuals with DD, DD Domiciliary homes, and community care family foster homes included in "any community-based care home"?
 - B. The reference to "day care center" is not consistent with the reference of "adult day care center" on Page 4, line 7.

Recommendations:

1. Define "any community-based care home."
2. Clarify day care center or adult day care center throughout the bill.

2. Page 4, SECTION 4. The terms, “community-based foster family home and adult foster home” need clarification.
 - A. Are community care family foster homes the same as community-based care home? If so, we recommend the term be reference throughout the bill.
 - B. Is adult foster home for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities (D/ID)? If so, we recommend to clarify reference to these homes as Adult Foster Homes as defined in section 321.11.2.
 - C. If Adult Foster Homes are to be included, then we recommend to add “or certification” on line 8 to read, “without a license or a certification shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.”

3. Page 5, SECTION 7. The Council conveys its concern that “Adult Foster Homes for individuals with D/ID) are included in the list of state-licensed facilities. Adult foster homes for individuals with D/ID 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.**

However, should the Legislature decide to include AFHs for individuals with D/ID to be subjected to a misdemeanor if they intentionally operate an AFH, we propose the following amendments for your consideration:

1. Page 4, line 8: add “or a certification” on line 8 to read, “without a license or a certification shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.”
2. Page 5, 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.”
3. Page 5, line 16: Replace Developmentally disabled adult foster homes with, “adult foster homes as defined in section 321-11.2”
4. Page 6, line 20-21: Add “or state-certified adult foster home” after “state-licensed care facility” to read, “state-licensed care facility or state-certified adult foster home.”

5. Page 7, lines 5-6: Add "or state-certified adult foster homes" after "state-licensed care facilities" to read, "state-licensed care facilities or state-certified adult foster homes."
6. Page 7, line 11: Add "or state-certified adult foster homes" after "state-licensed care facilities" to read, "state-licensed care facilities or state-certified adult foster homes."
7. Page 7, lines 13-14: Add "or state-certified adult foster homes" after "state-licensed care facilities" to read, "state-licensed care facilities or state-certified adult foster homes."
8. Pages 8-10, SECTIONS 10 and 11. The Council does not support these sections that address the collection of fees for license, relicense, certification and recertification. We recognize the value and importance of the various residential options (Adult Residential Care Homes, Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes, Adult Foster Homes, and Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Homes) that are currently available for individuals with DD.

The development of Adult Foster Homes and DD Domiciliary Homes for this population was supported by the State to support individuals to transition from an institution into the community as well as to prevent the placement of individuals with DD into Skilled Nursing Facilities because of no other options available to them. The majority of these residential settings are not for profit facilities, who are not salaried employees, but family homes with a family business. The Council is greatly concerned that fees imposed for these homes may have a negative consequence of homes not seeking license, relicense, certification or recertification, thus reducing residential options.


9. Page 18 lines 12-14 and lines 19-21: Based on the language to compensate caregivers and case managers for DD Domiciliary Homes and DD Adult Foster Homes, it appears there is an assumption that the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services pay caregivers directly for care they provide through Medicaid Services. This is not the case, as there are individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) who reside in DD Domiciliary Homes or DD Adult Foster Homes do NOT receive any Medicaid Services. DD Domiciliary Homes are operated through a State contract with private, non-profit agencies, and Adult Foster Homes are operated by a family. Case managers for individuals with DD who are receiving services from DD Division, Department of Health are State employees. It would be not be appropriate for them to be compensated as indicated in the language of this section.

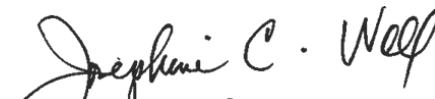
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10. Page 19 lines 20-21 and page 20 lines 3-4: DD Domiciliary Homes and Adult Foster Homes should not be considered as Community health care facilities. These homes for individuals with DD are not a part of the community health care facilities and they do not have private case management. Case management is provided by case managers who are employed by the State through Department of Health DD Division.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and for your consideration of the above recommendations for proposed amendments regarding HB 1510.

Sincerely,


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S321-15.7 Section 4: Penalty

I support Section 4 Penalty of the Omnibus Bill 1510. I advocate for the health and safety of elderly especially the Nursing Home level of care clients. Any person who wants to take care of an individuals in their homes, who are not related to them, must be licensed / certified by the State. This is a checks and balances that need to be in-place to protect the elderly. Any of this settings; CCFFH, ARCH, Adult Day Care Center and Hospice Home, if found operating without a license shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

Thank you for the chance to testify.

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Part V: S321-1-7 Compensation for Caregivers

I strongly support Compensation for caregivers, for at least 3% per year. These caregivers work very hard to assure health and safety of individuals placed on their care. They take pride and joy taking care of the population they served. Particularly the CCFFH, EARCH who are taking care of Hospice / ICF Medicaid clients. They get paid between \$950 - \$1245.00 a month for a 24 hour job, not counting the room and board. With the rising cost of food, water, electricity etc. they barely making it. I strongly recommend that the law makers, Medquest Division as well as the HMO's will evaluate the fee and give them the raise they deserve.

Part V: S321-8 Compensation for case management Agencies

I strongly support this bill. As a Case Manager and an owner of a licensed Case Management Agency, I / We struggle daily to make ends meet. All the Case Management Agencies had a reduction of fee last 2008 by approx. 8-10%. Eight (8) years after, there's no raise at all. The amount of work that we do quadrupled or even more. With the increase of HMO's, we have to go through 6 audits annually including CTA. The Medicaid process is getting more challenging to navigate. There is a delayed payment of 3-6 months, problems with cost-share, Medicaid eligibility of members erroneously terminated for no reason, conversion of regular Medicaid into a long Term Care Medicaid. The demands of each HMO / Medquest in submission of so many documents is overwhelming. This are just few of the many difficulties we face on a daily basis. We do more paper works now than spending time with our clients, whom they are the reason why we are here. I urge all the lawmakers, HMO and Medquest division, to please carefully evaluate the need to increase our fee at least 3% per year.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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Part V1 S321-1-8 Community Health Care Facilities, Case Management Agencies who are providing services to Medicaid clients.

I strongly support Pat V1 of the Omnibus Bil. With prior authorization delayed for 3-6 months, caregivers and the licensed case management agencies are not getting paid on time. We all rely on this monthly income, we can not afford to wait 3-6 months waiting period. Cost of doing business is getting higher every day. I agree that we should be able to charge if payment comes in late. We pay high credit cards interest if we are short in cash money. We should also be compensated for waiting for payment not being paid on time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Feb. 6, 2017

RE: **HB1510 – Testimony in Support – HUS/HLT - 2/8/17 – Rm. 329 9:00 a.m.**

Dear Chairs Morikawa and Belatti, and Members of the Committees:

We **support HB1510** and offer the following comments.

Reimbursement/Compensation (Section 17). We strongly support adjusting the reimbursement/compensation rates for Medicaid clients. We have not received an adjustment in almost 10 years. Costs to care for our clients have continued to rise with no corresponding adjustment. We provide the State a valuable service, as we are able to accept clients at a fraction of what other facilities charge. We are one of the only programs where we are required to accept Medicaid clients. Other facilities and homes are not required to accept Medicaid clients. Please kindly consider the requested adjustment so we can encourage others to welcome clients into their home. Otherwise, the State will be caught unprepared as the population ages and more and more need 24/7 care.

Fees (Section 10). We understand the State incurs fees in licensing our homes. However, please set the fees according to the number of beds licensed instead of a flat fee. Please also keep fees reasonable (not more than \$100 per year) and strongly consider granting us an increase in the reimbursement rates, which have not increased for many years.

Private-Pay Clients (Section 14). 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. 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.

Online Posting of Vacancies. We support the creation of an online forum by DOH where all state-licensed care facilities may post vacancy information to facilitate placement of clients in need. This forum would make it easier for families and those in need to find the appropriate home that best suits their needs.

Penalty for Unlicensed Activity. We support broadening the scope of unlicensed activity to include any person who operates a community-based foster family home without a license. We are proud to provide a high level of professional care. Clients deserve the highest level of care, which can only be ensured if a provider is licensed. More and more are starting to operate unlicensed homes because of the strong demand. The State must do everything it can to protect those unable to help themselves.

For these reasons, we **support HB1510**.

Very truly yours,

Maribel 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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House Committee on Health

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RE: HB 1510 - RELATING TO HEALTH
Hearing: Wednesday, February 8, 2017. 9:00 AM
Conference Room 329

Dear Representatives Morikawa and Belatti and Members of the Committees;

The Arc in Hawaii opposes moving House Bill 1510 and, in particular, **STRONGLY OPPOSES** the following provisions of House Bill 1510

Part III, SECTION 10, pages 8-9 which imposes licensing fees upon certain vital and underfunded “facilities” that serve Hawaii’s most vulnerable and needy citizens, including developmental disabilities domiciliary homes .

The Arc in Hawaii operates 10 very small, non-profit developmental disabilities domiciliary homes on Oahu. The fees will only add to an intolerable financial burden under which these homes labor.

These homes, and others operated by other non-profit agencies and dedicated individuals and families, serve only low-income persons with disabilities. They are primarily funded by the residents themselves, using their meager personal income from federal SSI and a State Supplement to SSI under Hawaii Revised Statutes §346-53 (c). The State Supplement has not been increased since 2008 and the administration and legislature have repeatedly shot down proposals to increase the amount to at least help with cost inflation.

Operating costs constantly increase, but compensation rates do not keep pace. Heaping another cost on the operators creates a dangerous situation. 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.

The operators of developmental disabilities domiciliary homes and adult foster homes for developmentally disabled individuals were created and funded to help close down the Waimano Home institution, and are the first line of defense against requiring such a restrictive and costly large facility again

Adding unnecessary costs to small home providers’ current burden may finally tip the scale and cause closure of these “anti—facilities” and the loss of shelter and sustenance by those who need them so badly.

Part V, SECTION 17, pages 18-19, which literally imposes maximum compensation payable to caregivers in certain facilities, including developmental disabilities domiciliary homes .

The language of Part V states that caregivers would be compensated “Not more than” an unstated amount per annum, thus imposing a cap on the amount that employers may pay caregiver employees. This is inconsistent with the stated purpose to “ensure caregivers are fairly compensated.”

We see no need to handicap providers of residential services in this way. There has been no showing that caregivers are paid “too much” in Hawaii – quite the opposite. Service providers must have the tools to compete in tight labor markets, and a cap on salary serves no purpose. On this basis, we oppose proposed Part V as written.

However, we suspect that the drafter meant for the Bill to set minimum compensation levels, sort of a specialized minimum wage for caregivers. If that is the case, our opposition is even stronger. Unless the legislatively-dictated minimum rate were set at a level lower than we now pay our staff, imposition of the minimum rate would be a severe financial burden on our already stressed financial. This provision would be acceptable to us ONLY if the statute also mandated that the state would compensate all providers for the extra burden imposed upon them.

Please delete Parts III and V from the Bill if you are inclined to move HB 1510 forward..

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Dear Representatives Morikawa and Belatti and Members of the Committees;

I oppose moving House Bill 1510, most especially the following of its provisions:

Part III, SECTION 10, pages 8-9 which imposes licensing fees upon certain vital and underfunded “facilities” that serve Hawaii’s most vulnerable and needy citizens, including developmental disabilities domiciliary homes .

I am Director of Development and a donor to The Arc in Hawaii. In both roles I am acutely aware of the ever-increasing financial challenges our organization faces in providing residential services in the 10 small, community-based homes we operate across Oahu for our participants. Asking The Arc and other non-profit agencies, individuals and families to pay licensing fees, on top of the significant burdens we already bear, endangers our ability to serve this historically under-served population.

Coincident with the closure of the state institution, The Arc in Hawaii and others stepped forward to provide homes for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities: homes within the community, homes where stable relationships could be built and sustained, homes designed around each participant’s interests, capabilities and needs. They operate exceptionally well with extremely limited funding. Please do not jeopardize our and others’ ability to continue our mission of service and support.

Part V, SECTION 17, pages 18-19, which literally imposes maximum compensation payable to caregivers in certain facilities, including developmental disabilities domiciliary homes.

Whether the language of Part V is intended to impose maximum compensation or its actual intent is the opposite, to impose minimum compensation, it’s the wrong approach. Either way (without compensating us for additional costs) the state would be tying our hands and denying us the very flexibility we need to meet our ongoing financial challenges.

I urge you not to move House Bill 1510, particularly the portions I have commented on in detail.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Re: HB1510 – Testimony, Omnibus Caregivers Bill

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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Aloha Chairman and the Committee members, my name is **Elma V. Tierra**. I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator. I am in support of the **HB1510** but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

1. I strongly support that all Adult residential care homes, community-based care homes, day care centers shall be licensed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals placed therein.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. I strongly support 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.

Mahalo for your Attention,
Elma V. Tierra


Adult Foster Home of the Pacific

Written Testimony Presented Before the

House Committee on Human Services
and
House Committee on Health

February 8, 2017 9:00 AM

by
Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN, FNP-BC

HB 1510 RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, and members of the House Committee on Human Services, and, Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for HB1510, Relating to Health.

I am a family nurse practitioner, practicing in Honolulu for the past 20 years. I have been involved in evaluating cases where the elderly disabled have allegedly been neglected or abused in community-based facilities.

It is widely known that there are many, many unlicensed and unregulated care facilities for the elderly in our community. The fact is that elderly persons are placed in homes with lay (not professional) caregivers willing to care for them for remuneration, when family cannot or is not willing to provide ongoing care to the aged. The professional research literature strongly indicates that the elderly and disabled are at escalating risk for abuse and neglect as they become more and more dependent on others for their care. We must strive to regulate this industry to mandate accountability for the quality and safety of care being provided to our kupuna. I believe this bill, in expanding the requirement for licensure with the Department of Health, and therefore regulation by the Department, to include community-based foster family homes and adult foster homes, is another step in the right direction.

I respectfully request that HB 1510 pass out of these committees. Thank you for your continued support of the healthcare of our elderly and disabled in Hawai'i, and for the time and consideration of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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Comments: I am supporting this bill but I'm just concern about the fees that will be imposed. Caregivers are helping the state million of dollars giving a home and caring for the vulnerable citizens .I hope the fee is not that high. Reimbursement is one of the problem we're having right now.Health plans should pay providers at once and if not they should pay interest to the providers. Thank you for allowing yo submit my testimony

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Frances E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support but disagree with the fees. Reimbursement from health plans should be on time Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my testimony

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria E. Cariaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I m in support of this bill but the fees that will be imposed should be a reasonable one. Some CCFFH homes are certified without clients , because owners wants to kept their certification legally.No funds to pay the fees. We need the health plans to reimburse us caregivers on time because we render our care to our clients on time too. Unlicensed care homes should be stop. Thank you for your time in reading my testimony. Have a nice day everyone.

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Comments: I support this bill but Not the fees that will be demanded for the caregivers. We are now helping the state in saving millions of dollars in housing and rendering care to the needy citizens of our community. Actually our caregiving fees should be raised supposed to be. Health plans should work diligently so we can have our reimbursement in a timely manner. They should pay interest too if our fees are delayed. Our care to the clien is given on time so I'm begging health plans should pay us on time too. Thank you for giving me the time to submit my testimony.

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To: Human Services Chair Representative Dee Morikawa
Health Committee Chair Representative Della Au Belatti

Date: 6 February 2017

Re: HB 1510 – Relating to Health

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Chris Todd and Committee Members;
Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Bertrand Kobayashi and Committee Members

My name is Ramon Sumibcay. I am a Care Home Operator in Makakilo. I am in strong SUPPORT to this OMNIBUS Bill for good reasons:

1. There have been allegations that care facilities have been operating without license from the Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) or foster homes not certified by the Department of Human Services. HRS 321-15.62 clearly states the requirement of a license to ensure the safety and welfare of seniors placed in home-based care facilities. Also, HRS 321-15.7 states the penalty when engaging in an unlicensed activity providing care to our vulnerable population.

2. The Silver Tsunami is coming. Studies show that Hawaii has the highest population growth rate among the 85+ population. In the next 10 years, there will be close to 300,000 65+ seniors. We need to be prepared to make sure there are enough beds for placement. Currently, HRS 321-15.62 allows for two skilled nursing level residents in an expanded adult residential care home. The statute allows for a third resident but with the discretion of OHCA. With the rapid growth of 85+ seniors and requiring skilled nursing level of care, we need to eliminate the bureaucratic red tape for the third resident. Also, studies show that one of two 85+ seniors will be diagnosed with dementia. Caring for demented 85+ seniors requires many nursing hours due to frequent and close monitoring.

3. Regarding the 2-private pay individuals in a family foster home, we need to consider providing exemption to couples who are married or in a civil union status. They are not that many in numbers, and they are in the twilight years of their lives. We just need to be more compassionate to have the regulations waived in their behalf.

Mahalo for your support and attention.

Sincerely,

Ramon Sumibcay, MHA, BSN, RN

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DEAR LEGISLATOR,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1510 TO RAISE
OUR REIMBURSEMENT RATE. WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN
INCREASE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS.

IT HASN'T BEEN EASY TO KEEP MY CARE
HOME OPEN DUE TO ALL THE INCREASED IN OUR
DAILY EXPENSES LIKE UTILITY BILLS, GROCERIES,
INSURANCE, TAXES, ETC. OUR JOB IS NOT
EASY. WE HAVE TO CARE OUR CLIENTS 24 HRS
A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK.

FACILITIES RECEIVE 5 TIMES MORE \$\$\$
FOR THE SAME CARE OR EVEN BETTER CARE FROM US.
OUR CLIENTS ARE BEING TREATED LIKE OUR FAMILY
MEMBER IN OUR HOME. SOMETIMES THEY'RE BECOME
MORE ATTACHED TO US THAN TO THEIR OWN FAMILY
AFTER LIVING IN OUR HOME FOR A WHILE BECAUSE
OF THE TENDER LOVING CARE THAT WE PROVIDE.

PLS HELP US.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HB 1510

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HB1510

Submitted on: 2/7/2017

Testimony for HUS/HLT on Feb 8, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

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Benita Riingen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good morning everyone, I'm glad to support this bill but too worried about the recertification / relicensing fee that will be imposed. Small businesses like us who only depend on the fees we are receiving from the health plans couldn't afford a higher fees. I do hope it will b a reasonable fee for everyone's budget. Please mandate health plans to reimburse our services on time and if not let them pay interest . Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

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February 7, 2017

Dear Legislator,

Running a foster home is a very tough and dedicating job. As a provider, you need to have patience, love, and care for the elders. Although we struggle with our own expenses and the amount of pay we receive for the services we rendered, we dedicate to care and keep them in our homes. We just don't see them as our clients but also as a member of our family. Nursing facilities receive 3-5 times more the amount we receive for the same care they provide. We care for our elders and the community. Therefore, I urge to strongly help us support Bill# HB1510.

Thank you for your support.

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Caring for the Needs of the Caregivers as well as the Elderly and Disabled

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Conference Room 329

The House Committee on Health and Human Services

To: Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair of Health
Honorable Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, ViceChair
Members of the Committee

To: Honorable Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair of Human Services
Honorable Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
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Re: Testimony in Support HB1510- Relating to Health

My name is Margie Agliam I strongly support HB1510 to raise our reimbursement rate. We have not received an increase in almost 10 years. At this time commodities are getting higher and we are lucky to have full bed in a year Medicaid client level 1 rate is only \$24.98 a day total of \$749.40 for 30 days and level 2 \$41.06 per day total of \$1231.80 a month.(CCFH) Community Care Foster Family Homes client limited for 2. To open a care home is very expensive not only the requirements, my house mortgage is \$3200.00 plus utilities electric and water alone I am paying \$800.00 a month plus food and some other bills.

We work hard to provide care and safety of the client 24/7 we are underpaid with no medical insurance and no holidays. Facilities received 5 times the amount we receive with the same care. Our client lives in our home and become our family. Please help us because the price of everything is going up.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support and consideration of this bill.

Yours truly,

Margie Agliam
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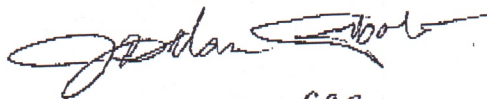
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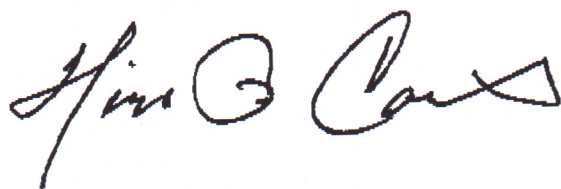
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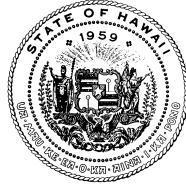
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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB1510
RELATING TO HEALTH.**

REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown cost to establish and maintain an online forum.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department OPPOSES this bill on the following grounds except
- 3 that the Department provides comments on the section regarding Community Care Foster Family
- 4 Homes (CCFFH):
- 5 1. Posting of Inspection Reports: The Department requests that Adult Foster Homes (AFH)
- 6 for developmentally disabled adults be excluded from the list of state-licensed care facilities on
- 7 which inspection reports shall be posted for the following reasons:
- 8 a. AFH are not licensed; they are certified
- 9 b. DDD Clients Only
- 10 c. Home Model of Care
- 11 d. Administrative Rules and Future Regulation: The Department is in the process of
- 12 amending administrative rules Chapter 11-148 to incorporate the provisions under
- 13 the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) final rule on

1 community integration as required under the 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver program
2 under the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

3 2. Department of Health Online Forum for Posting Vacancy Information: The Department
4 appreciates the intent of this provision and appreciates that the Legislature proposes to provide
5 authority to the Department rather than requiring the Department to establish and maintain an
6 online forum. The Department testified in opposition in prior years and continues to oppose on
7 the grounds of a lack of IT resources, focusing attention on other priorities, and on information
8 accuracy and jurisdictional reasons.

9 3. Licensing and Certification and Application Fees: The Department opposes setting of
10 licensing and certification fees in statute. Instead the Department supports the establishment of
11 fees in administrative rules. The Department's draft administrative rules on such fees are
12 currently waiting for approval to conduct public hearings. The draft administrative rules were
13 reviewed by the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) and they recommended to
14 the Governor that the draft rules be allowed to proceed to public hearing.

15 4. Increase Number of Nurse Level Beds in Type I Care Homes: The Department opposes
16 the statutory increase to three (3) nursing level beds as unnecessary. Current statute allows the
17 Department to allow for a third bed and the Department prefers to maintain this current process.
18 A home that is currently licensed for two (2) nursing level beds may apply to the Department for
19 a third bed. This allows the Department, in the interest of public health and safety and to ensure
20 compliance with licensing requirements, to review each application and make a determination
21 based on the history of care provided in that home and the qualifications of the caregivers. This
22 review process has allowed the Department to approve over 90% of the requests.

1 5. Community Care Foster Family Homes: The bill proposes to grant DOH and DHS
2 authority to exercise discretion in allowing a second private pay patient into a CCFFH. The
3 Department is providing comments only as background information. The CCFFH program was
4 established by the Legislature primarily for the provision of care to Medicaid recipients. Other
5 types of care homes such as Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH) are also
6 available for private pay patients and Medicaid.

7 6. Compensation for Caregivers and Case Managers: DOH does not set compensation for
8 caregivers in any setting. Therefore, it would appear this section is unnecessary.

9 7. Late Payment Interest: The Department opposes including this requirement in statute.
10 This should be a contract issue between caregivers/case managers and payors.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this bill and with
12 COMMENTS on CCFFHs.

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Date: February 7, 2017

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
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Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 (9:00 AM, Room 329)

Re: HB 1510 Relating to Health

My name is Sarah Suzuki. I have been a registered nurse for over 20 years and community case manager for 14 years. I am the current President of the Case Management Council. The Case Management Council is comprised of agencies that provide case management services to the aged, blind, and disabled population. We are in support of HB 1510. The specifics are below:

- Section 1: In support that any community-based care home or day care center providing healthcare to the elderly or disabled who are unrelated to the caregiver family shall be licensed.
- Section 2: In support of the DOH maintaining a forum on its website where all the care facilities specified in the subsection may post vacancy information to facilitate placement of individuals in need. We are also in support of additional funding for the DOH so they may operationalize and implement this.
- Section 3: We understand that the DOH needs additional funds to run, maintain, and improve its' operations. We understand that it takes money to do this. With that, we are in support of the DOH charging reasonable fees for licensure, re-licensure, certification, and re-certification.
- Section 4: In support of the DOH and the DHS working together in order for two private-pay clients, who are in a relationship with each other, married or civil union, may be placed in a community care foster family home who is certified for three clients/beds.

- Section V: In support that all caregivers and case managers are properly compensated.
- Section VI: In support that interest on late payments must be reimbursed to caregivers, facilities, and case managers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**TO: Chair of Human Services Representative Dee Morikawa
Chair of Health Committee Representative Della Au Belatti**

LATE

DATE: February 8, 2017, Wednesday

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 329

TESTIFIER: Wannette Gaylord

BILL: HB 1510

POSITION: IN STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Chair Belatti and Committee Members,

My name is Wannette Gaylord and I strongly support HB 1510. This multifaceted bill will be beneficial for both licensed care facilities as well as our frail kupuna.

Anyone caring for an elderly person should have training and State oversight to stop both abuse and neglect.

The State website that posts deficiencies should allow for posting of facility vacancies to assist in proper placement of our elderly.

This position within the Department of Health could be funded with fees collected by the State for licensure/relicensure or certification/recertification.

With our elderly population growing at a rapid pace it is necessary to increase the occupancy of our licensed facilities and let the residents age in place to lessen displacement anxiety.

Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to testify in support of HB 1510.

Wannette Gaylord

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Submitted on: 2/7/2017

Testimony for HUS/HLT on Feb 8, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmen Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good morning , I'm in support with this bill but disagree with the fees that will be imposed. I can't afford to pay because our service fee for the clients are not even sufficient to run our business if you have only one client in the home. Plus health plans doesn't reimburse us on time. Health plans should pay us interest for their late payments. Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evelyn Q. Isabelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good morning , I'm in support of this bill but too worried about the fees that will be imposed. In fact healthcare providers needs a raise in their fees too. Health plans should reimburse providers in a trimly manner because we are rendering our services on a regular time. And if they don't they have to pay with interest. Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

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Dear Legislator,

I/we one of a foster home operator/caregiver's, strongly support HB1510 to raise our services rate.

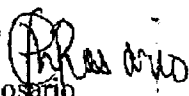
For almost 10 years we never received any increase for our services fee in taking care of our client's. As a caregiver, I/we give the best of care that our client's needed, specially their activities daily living, prepared their food, bring them to their doctor's appointment, make it sure that they are always safe and provide them 24 hours a day with close supervision to meet our client's need.

As we heard that skilled nursing facilities received 3 to 5 times the amount we have currently received for now, as well we provided same care to them. Our client's live in our home and we treat them as our family.

Please help us for we are struggling because the price for everything is going up. God Bless us all.

Thank you for supporting HB1510

Sincerely,


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Substitute caregiver's:


Rogelio Rosario

Maricel Manuel

Wilma Cervania

Dear Legislator:

I strongly support HB1510 to raise our reimbursement rate. We have not received an increase in almost 10 years.

It has been so hard to keep my care home open. I struggle to make my mortgage payments. keep my home open because I care for my clients. It is not an easy job to bathe them, change their diapers, carry them during transport, exercise them, cook for them, feed them, entertain them, watch out for their safety, and everything else. We have to do this 24 hours a day, every day. We are responsible even at night, weekends, and holidays. We work hard to provide care.

Facilities receive 3-5 times the amount we receive for the same care. Our clients live in our home and become our family. Please help us, we are struggling because the price for everything is going up.

Thank you for supporting HB1510.

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Liberty Albano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good morning, I support this bill but worried about the fee that will be imposed. Because not all CCFFH providers have clients in their facilities. Some have 1 only. We can't afford a high fee for our recertification. Health plans reimbursement should be on time and if they don't they should pay interest when they reimburse our services we rendered. Than you for reading my testimony.

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Caring for the Needs of the Caregivers as well as the Elderly and Disabled

Wednesday- February 8, 2017-9:00 am
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The House Committee on Health and Human Services

To Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair of Health
Honorable Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, ViceChair
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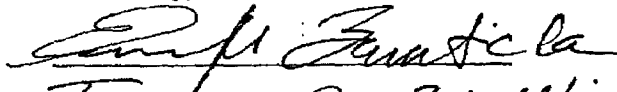
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We work hard to provide care and safety of the client 24/7 we are underpaid with no medical insurance and no holidays. Facilities received 3- 5 times the amount we receive with the same care. Our client lives in our home and become our family. Please help us we are struggling because the price for everything is going up.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support HB1510.

Yours truly,


Emma G. BANATICLA

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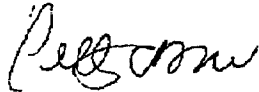
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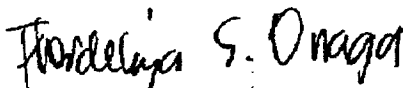
Dear Legislator:

I strongly support HB 1510 extending an increase for our rate as full time caregiver for a home care . It is indeed a great hope since we haven't received any increase for the past ten years considering the high cost of living here in Hawaii.

The minimal amount that we get from our services per month could hardly support our needs considering the huge responsibilities that we have to tackle for our clients. Having a 24 hours 7 days a week job for sick and elderly people is very challenging which we take without any hesitation. We do our job to the best of our knowledge and skills and taking good care of them keeping them in our home as a member or our family.

Our prayers for the passing of this bill and thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully,



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Thank you for supporting HB1510.

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415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chairman and the Committee members, my name is Josefina Daga. I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator. I am in support of the **HB1510** but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

1. I strongly support that all Adult residential care homes, community-based care homes, day care centers shall be licensed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals placed therein.
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Mahalo for your Attention,

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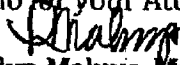
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Aloha Chairman and the Committee members, my name is Lemelyn Mabuti, I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator. I am in support of the HB1510 out with comments on the various sections of the bill.

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Lemelyn Maluyo-Mabuti, President

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Carina Karen Aguilar

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Maʻalo for your Attention,

Charly Miana
Adult Foster Home of the Pacific

February 7, 2017

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Dear Legislator,

I, Cynthia A. Gima, licensed caregiver, strongly supports bill HB1510 to raise reimbursement rates for adult caregivers. There has not been an increase in rates for approximately ten years.

With the cost of living and other expenses rising it has been difficult to keep my care home open and functioning on a sustainable level. I love my work and I really feel that our elderly need proper care but without proper compensation it will be difficult to keep my care home open. Being a caregiver is a very rewarding job, I would like to be cared for in this manner when I get to that age but if caregivers aren't given the respect and appreciation deserved then you will see a lot giving up their homes or finding other means to increase their monthly income.

I have done my due diligence in caring for my clients, meeting all requirements and keeping up with all necessary certifications and truly believe that caregivers like me deserve an increase in monthly reimbursement rates. Large facilities collect a lot more than home caregivers but yet the care for the elderly is not as family oriented. The clients in care homes like mine are given much more attention and love than in larger facilities and I have been told this by family members of my clients and have seen it when my mother in law was in a large care home facility.

I am the sole caregiver, 24/7 and if you ratio that versus our monthly income it doesn't amount to what I am worth to my patients. When factoring in pay for subs when taking a vacation, taking clients to doctor appointments, attending required meetings and taking certification classes the monthly income does not justify what I put in to my care home and clients.

I truly appreciate your time and assistance in helping home care givers get what they deserve and thank you very much for supporting bill HB1510.

Sincerely,



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Aloha Chairman and the Committee members, my name is Mildred Uytiepa. I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator. I am in support of the **HB1510** but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

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Aloha Chairman and the Committee members, my name is Nicerita Rabaut I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator. I am in support of the **HB1510** but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

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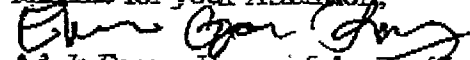
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Aloha Chairman and the Committee members, my name is Ellen Grace Ruiz. I am a Community Care Foster Family Home operator. I am in support of the **HB1510** but with comments on the various sections of the bill.

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Rueda Ramos	Individual	Support	No

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From: Lilia Fajotina, ARCA Vice President
(Alliance of Residential Care Administrators)

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017
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RE: HB 1510 Relating to Health

Good morning Chairs, Vice Chairs and members,
My name is Lilia Fajotina, Vice President of ARCA. I fully support the intent of HB 1510 in particular to the Adult Mental Health Division, E-ARCH Care Providers, as us caregivers and case managers are always frequently paid late. As a caregiver myself, I know how hard it is to work with our residents, but I am not complaining

because that is what I chose to do as a career in life. But it is so disheartening when you are already working hard, and yet we still have to struggle with our pay from the state because it is always late, and I'm not just talking for days, we have to wait for months to get paid. Some of us in AMHD providers did not get paid for 6 months or more. We do not have much money in our savings to pay for our mortgage, and mortgage is not all that we have to pay. We have to feed our residents, pay our utilities, our gas to bring them to the doctor's appointment.

And, when we are behind our mortgage payment the bank charges us interest and penalties by the thousands. If that happens, late payment and interest should be added to any delinquent or late payment from the state.

We are asking the legislators to please look into this matter, as we would like to be paid on time like everyone else that works for the state.

Thank you for allowing me to testify

Sincerely,

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Mildred de la Cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm supporting this bill but I disagree with the recertification fee. Thank you for reading my testimony.

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Edgar Alba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good morning I'm in support of this bill but the recertification fee that will be demanded should be a reasonable amount. CCFFH providers are facing hardship most of the time because reimbursement from health plans are not done in a timely manner. Then we are delayed in paying our bills . So health plans should pay interest with our reimbursement too. Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

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