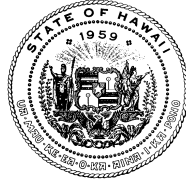


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0434
Relating to Long Term Care

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Testimony of Terri Byers
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Attached Agency to the Department of Health

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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, supports this measure to convert the exempt Long Term Care (LTC) Community
- 3 Living Program Specialist position number 120259 to a permanent civil service position.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure does not have fiscal implications as the position is federally
- 5 funded by the Older Americans Act grant. The measure is cost neutral. This item is also a
- 6 priority of the Ige Administration and conversion was included in the Executive Biennium
- 7 Budget.
- 8 **Purpose and Justification:** The LTC Community Living Program Specialist position is critical
- 9 to sustain successful implementation of home based participant directed supports to individuals
- 10 at risk of nursing home placement.
- 11 Participant directed programs are an objective of the federal Administration for Community
- 12 Living's 2013 – 2018 strategic plan to promote the integration of person-centered planning and
- 13 participant directed supports into publicly administered programs and services. EOA is

1 addressing this objective by integrating it into Goal 3 of the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, to
2 develop a statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system for older adults and
3 their families to access and receive long term services and supports throughout the State. The
4 Participant Directed Supports and Services Model empowers participants to direct their long-
5 term services and supports (LTSS) to meet their needs. It also addresses challenges that rural
6 areas in the State often face in trying to provide support services needed with limited availability
7 of providers by allowing participants to hire their family, friends, and members of their personal
8 support system to provide care that meets their needs.

9 Participants eligible for the program are assessed utilizing a person centered planning approach,
10 then provided with a support team including financial management services and a coach to guide
11 implementation of their support plan and to assist with employer related responsibilities.

12 The LTC Community Living Program Specialist position coordinates operational activities
13 related to participant directed supports and Veterans Directed Home and Community Based
14 Services (including screening of participants, reviewing referrals, assessments, and support
15 plans; determining eligibility of potential participants, determining monthly allotment amounts;
16 and routing referrals to the appropriate contracted provider for assessment and coaching
17 services).

18 **Recommendation:** EOA respectfully requests your support of HB0434 to convert the exempt
19 position to civil service to support individuals within our State to direct their LTSS.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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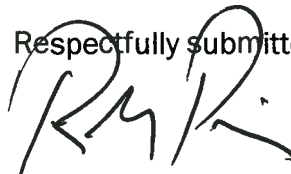
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H.B. 434 – RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 434 which converts the long-term care community living program specialist position within the executive office on aging from exempt status to civil service employment.

We have long supported the conversion of exempt positions and have consistently questioned the Employer's attempts to circumvent the civil service system. Exempt employees do not have the same rights and benefits of civil service employees and that is inherently unfair. Therefore, we are pleased to support this measure which proactively converts this specialist position to a permanent civil service position subject to chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the passage of H.B. 434.

Respectfully submitted,

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