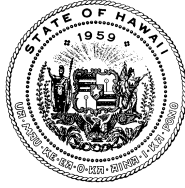


SB 1525

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES.
Report Title:	Home Care Agencies; Licensure; Sunset; Repeal
Description:	Makes permanent the licensure requirements for home care agencies licensed by the department of health.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH/JDC
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 1525
RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this bill to
3 rescind the repeal of the Home Care Agency licensing requirement.

4 Home care agencies provide home care services to persons who wish to remain
5 independent and in their own homes rather than to live in residential care homes or institutional
6 facilities. Home care services are defined as personal care or homemaker services. These
7 include assisting the client with toileting, showering and grooming, meal preparation, routine
8 house cleaning, shopping for household supplies or for food, running errands, escorting clients to
9 medical care appointments, and assisting with simple health care routines such as reminders to
10 take oral medication, diet restrictions, or to perform recommended exercises.

11 State licensing provides regulatory oversight to ensure public and client safety. It
12 requires background checks on owners, management and staff, and requires the caregivers to
13 receive instructions and oversight from the home care agency supervisor.

1 The Department implemented the licensing program in October 2018 based on Section
2 321-14.8 Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) and Chapter 11-700 Hawaii Administrative Rules
3 (HAR). Forty seven (47) applications were received and are being processed and one (1) license
4 has been issued to Ohana Care Maui LLC effective 2/13/2019 for two (2) years. Additional
5 licenses will be issued once final paperwork is completed by the applicants and licensing fees are
6 paid.

7 Home Care Agency licensing ensures client safety and, therefore, should be maintained.
8 As a result, the Department SUPPORTS this bill.

9 **Offered Amendments:** None

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: