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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 2110 HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH.**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: Friday, February 21, 2020

Room Number: 308

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department SUPPORTS this HD1 and appreciates the
3 Legislature's support in our mutual aim to safeguard the public, protect aged and vulnerable
4 persons, and ensure quality of care by requiring and enforcing that all residential care homes and
5 other health care facilities, agencies and organizations are licensed pursuant to state law.

6 The Department is actively investigating approximately 76 complaints and, to date, has
7 initiated or completed enforcement action on four (4) unlicensed facilities, with more to follow.
8 Enforcement includes immediate cease and desist orders, the transfer of residents to licensed care
9 homes or facilities, and issuing administrative penalties. To date, the Department has closed five
10 (5) facilities, and \$37,000 in fines were collected or are in the process of being collected.
11 Enforcement activities include long and arduous hours from the Department's registered nurses,
12 professional investigators, and deputy attorney general. This time is expensive and could be
13 used on the Department's other licensing activities such as on unannounced annual inspections
14 and implementation of other licensing programs. However, these enforcement activities are a

1 critical component of the state's efforts to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our *kupuna*,
2 and such actions deserve all of our support.

3 The Department SUPPORTS this HD1 as follows:

- 4 1. Enforcement Actions: HD1 includes the Department's requested amendments for
5 consistency between Section 321-487 HRS and Section 321-486 HRS. This language
6 helps to avoid inadvertently omitting professions that are in the business of referring
7 vulnerable persons or families.
- 8 2. Delete Exclusion Language: The Department supports this deletion to avoid
9 confusion.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ana Jose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Finance Committee Vice Chair

Date: 2/20/20

Re: **HB 2110 HD 1** – Relating to Health **IN STRONG SUPPORT**

Fax Number: (808)586-6201

I humbly request that your committee pass HB 2110 HD 1 to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our disabled and frail kupuna. The current statutes are enabling abuse and neglect to our most vulnerable population.

I believe that all facilities that perform any type of hands on care, no matter if it's for two or a thousand people, should be required to be licensed by the State of Hawaii, Department of Health to maintain the necessary standards of care for everyone. I am in strong SUPPORT of HB 2110 HD that will 1) Allow the Department of Health to do their due diligence in enforcing oversight, 2) Prohibit health care providers from knowingly referring or transferring patients to uncertified or unlicensed care facilities, and 3) Repeal the landlord provision in the current statute.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2110 HD 1**.

Romedias Aguinaldo, RN Caregiver
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Big Island Adult foster home operators	Support	No

Comments:

Good afternoon, on behalf of the Big Island Adult Foster Home operators I strongly support this HB 2110 because we really want to stop the illegal care homes. They are operating their businesses without proper identifications and not spending any single cents to be certified or license by the Department of Health and office of health care assurance.

thank you for considering my testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria E. Cariaga	Big Island Adult Foster Home Operator	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benita Riingen	Big Island Adult Foster Home Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
WANNETTE GAYLORD	ARCA	Support	Yes

Comments: