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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 2692 HD2  
RELATING TO COMMUNITY CASE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES.**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None known.

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to provide COMMENTS on this bill.

3 This bill would increase the number of hours that primary caregivers could be absent  
4 from a CCFFH as long as a substitute caregiver is present. The number of allowable absent  
5 hours would increase from 28 hours per week to 50 hours per week and from five (5) hours per  
6 day to 23 hours per day.

7 There is no preamble in the bill to identify what problem will be solved or what the  
8 Legislative intent is, so the reason for this amendment is unknown.

9 Regarding absences of the primary caregiver, the Department is not opposed to changes  
10 but believes that the matter of personnel and staffing of CCFFH's is better in administrative rules  
11 rather than in statute. The administrative rules currently contain a section on personnel and  
12 staffing, and language in rules could provide for greater flexibility depending on specific  
13 circumstances of individual homes such as the levels of care of residents and caregiver  
14 qualifications rather than a blanket operating policy in statute.

1 As a result, the Department offers the following amendments beginning on page 1, line  
2 13 through page 2, line 19 to delete language that is more appropriately suited in administrative  
3 rules:

4 **Offered Amendments:** (4) Requirements for primary and substitute caregivers caring for three  
5 clients in community care foster family homes including allowing for primary caregivers to be  
6 absent from the community care foster family home provided that the substitute caregiver is  
7 present in the community care foster family home during the primary caregiver's absence.

8 (A) ~~Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers be twenty one years of age or~~  
9 ~~older;~~

10 (B) ~~Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers complete a minimum of twelve~~  
11 ~~hours of continuing education every twelve months or at least twenty four hours~~  
12 ~~of continuing education every twenty four months;~~

13 (C) ~~Allowing the primary caregiver to be absent from the community care foster~~  
14 ~~family home for no more than [twenty eight] fifty hours in a calendar week, not to~~  
15 ~~exceed [five] twenty three hours per day; provided that the substitute caregiver is~~  
16 ~~present in the community care foster family home during the primary caregiver's~~  
17 ~~absence;~~

18 (D) ~~Where the primary caregiver is absent from the community care foster family~~  
19 ~~home in excess of the hours as prescribed in subparagraph (C), mandating that the~~  
20 ~~substitute caregiver be a certified nurse aide; and~~

1           ~~(E) — Mandating that the substitute caregiver have, at a minimum, one year prior work~~  
2                     ~~experience as a caregiver in a community residential setting or in a medical~~  
3                     ~~facility.~~

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

**HB-2692-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 8:22:10 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/10/2020 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Corazon E. Cariaga	Testifying for Big Island Adult foster home operators	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of our association I strongly support this bill.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony

**HB-2692-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/8/2020 4:01:03 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/10/2020 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha:

Please pass this bill as it allows for flexibility of caregiving.

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**LATE**

**TO: Consumer Protection and Health Committee (C**  
**March 10, at 9:30 am, Room 229**

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In support of**  
**HB 2692 HD2**

Senator Rosaline Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong of HB 2692 HD2 that will increase the number of hours the Primary caregiver may be absent from the Community Care Foster Family Home; provided that a substitute caregiver is present.

I am a caregiver in a Family Foster Home, I am happy and proud of my profession, but it does have its difficulties. I make great sacrifices to my personal life and little for my family because my time away is usually spent helping my residents and I have very little time for doing my personal chores and personal hygiene.

The current amount of time allowed for me to be away from my residents is far too late for anyone to have a fulfilling personal life. I love my patients, but I have no time for the others who love me or time to grow my family. As it is now, I am allowed 5 hours per day to be away from my patients.

That is not enough time for me to spend with my kids, attend their school and sports events. Please increase our time to 50 hours per week. Please consider our sacrifices and give us some options towards our personal time.

I would never leave them unattended and I will always make sure they are well taken care of by a substitute before I leave. I just want the free to have the ability to leave when I feel it's important to the others in my life. Something must change, or I will not be able to continue to be a caregiver.

Please pass HB 2692 HD2. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

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TO: Consumer Protection and Health Committee (CPH)

March 10, at 9:30 Am, Rm 228

From: CHRISTOPHER ULR In support of  
HB2692 HD2

**Senator Rosaline Baker, Chair, Senator Stanley Chang, Vice  
Chair and Members of the Committee:**

I am and I am in strong support of HB 2692 HD2 that will increase the number of hours the primary caregivers may be absent from the community care foster family home, provided that a substitute caregiver is present.

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The current amount of time allowed for me to be away from my residents is far too little for anyone to have a fulfilling personal life. I love my patients, but I have no time for the others who love me or time to grow my family. As it is now, I am allowed 8 hours per day to be away from my patients.

That is not enough time for me to spend with my kids, attend their school and sports events. Please increase our time to fifty hours per week. Please consider our needs and give us some options towards our personal time.

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TO: Consumer Protection and Health Committee (CPH)  
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