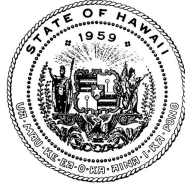


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Testimony in OPPOSITION to H.B. 2692
RELATING TO COMMUNITY CASE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None known.

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this bill.

3 This bill would increase the number of hours that primary caregivers could be absent
4 from a community care foster family home (CCFFH), as long as a substitute caregiver is present.
5 The bill would increase the number of hours from 28 hours per week to 50 hours per week and
6 from five (5) hours per day to 23 hours per day. These are the sole amendments to current
7 statute.

8 There is no preamble in the bill to identify what problem will be solved or what the
9 Legislative intent is, so the reason for these amendments are unknown.

10 The Department is not opposed to absences of the primary caregiver, but believes that the
11 matter of personnel and staffing of CCFFH's is better in administrative rules rather than in
12 statute. The administrative rules currently contain a section on personnel and staffing.

13 As a result, the Department offers the following amendments beginning on page 1, line
14 11 through page 2, line 19:

1 **Offered Amendments:** (4) Requirements for primary and substitute caregivers caring for three
2 clients in community care foster family homes, ~~including:~~
3 ~~(A) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers be twenty-one years of age or older;~~
4 ~~(B) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers complete a minimum of twelve hours of~~
5 ~~continuing education every twelve months or at least twenty-four hours of continuing education~~
6 ~~every twenty-four months;~~
7 ~~(C) Allowing the primary caregiver to be absent from the community care foster family home for~~
8 ~~no more than [twenty eight] fifty hours in a calendar week, not to exceed [five] twenty-three~~
9 ~~hours per day; provided that the substitute caregiver is present in the community care foster~~
10 ~~family home during the primary caregiver's absence;~~
11 ~~(D) Where the primary caregiver is absent from the community care foster family home in~~
12 ~~excess of the hours as prescribed in subparagraph (C), mandating that the substitute caregiver be~~
13 ~~a certified nurse aide; and~~
14 ~~(E) Mandating that the substitute caregiver have, at a minimum, one year prior work experience~~
15 ~~as a caregiver in a community residential setting or in a medical facility.~~

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

ADULT FOSTER HOMECARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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February 21, 2019

Maribel Tan
President

Testimony in Support of HB 2692 – HLT - Feb. 4, 2020, 10:30 a.m., Rm. 329

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

The Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii (AFHA) **strongly supports HB 2692**, which provides greater flexibility for operators of Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFHs) by allowing substitute caregivers to relieve primary caregivers for up to fifty (50) hours per calendar year and no more than twenty-three (23) in any single day.

This bill is needed because primary caregivers are having difficulty keeping up with the needs of their operation if they are unable to leave their homes. As you know, primary caregivers are responsible for procuring supplies, getting continuing education, and addressing incidental matters relating to their operation.

Meanwhile, substitute caregivers are held to the same standards and receive the same training as primary caregivers. Regardless of the situation, the primary caregiver retains the responsibility and liability for clients.

Notwithstanding the lack of financial incentives, caregivers tirelessly provide personalized virtual one-on-one hands-on care to their residents. On a daily basis, caregivers cook for their residents menus that are mandated by the State; they clean the house so that they can meet stringent standards of cleanliness; they bathe their residents; they help residents use the bathroom; they dress their residents; they take their residents to medical appointments; they ensure that residents take their medicine; they do the laundry soiled by their residents; and after all this, they entertain their residents and help their residents preserve their dignity giving them the feeling that they still belong in the community.

Please allow primary caregivers to a little more flexibility to run their operations so they can better serve their clients by **strongly supporting HB 2692**.

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.

HB-2692

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 3:46:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2692

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Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 10:30:00 AM

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Comments:

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February 2, 2020
The Honorable John Mizano
4155 Beretania St. H 439
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representative John Mizano,

My name is Julieta Cambe and I have been a primary caregiver since September 2003, and my husband has been my substitute caregiver since then. My son is also a nurse aide and an approved reliever in my CCFH.

I strongly support House Bill 2692, which increases the number of hours the primary caregiver may be absent from CCFH. I believe that even a Nurse Aide is able to perform or care for up to 3 clients, because the experience that the CTA requires for them is applicable to the care for more than 5 hours. An NA is allowed to have their own CCFH and be a primary caregiver for more than 24 hours. It should also be allowed to care for 3 clients even if they are an NA.

Committee on Health
Chair John Mizuno
Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi
Members of Health Committee

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To: House of representatives
Committee on Health
February 4th, 2020 Rm 329

From: Ana Maria Lopez
In support of HB2692

Report Title:

Community Care Foster Family Home; Caregivers; Hours

Description:

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.

Chairman John Mizuno,

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 time for my family because my time away is usually spent resting, doing my personal chores and personal hygiene. The current amount of time allowed for me to be away from my charges 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 4 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 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 before I leave. I just want the free to have the ability to leave when I feel its important to the others in my life. Something must change, or I will not be able to continue to be a caregiver. Please pass HB2692. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

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Substitute caregivers are just as good. They have the same qualifications and training as primary caregivers. Primary caregivers will still be responsible.
Thank you.

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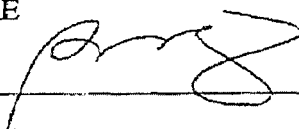
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