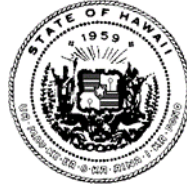


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TO: The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: [HB 1356 HD1](#) - RELATING TO MEDICAID PATIENT CARE.

Hearing: February 24, 2023, 11:30 a.m.
Conference Room 308 & Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) comments on this measure and defers to the Department of Health on relevant parts. DHS respectfully requests that any appropriation not replace or reduce priorities identified in the executive budget and Governor's Messages.

PURPOSE: This bill appropriates funds to provide enhanced payments to type I adult residential care homes and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes that are caring for medicaid patients. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

The HD1 amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

DHS does not set the rates nor directly reimburse Developmental Disability Domiciliary Homes. The Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Division determines those

reimbursement rates and payments. If there is an appropriation, it should be directed to the DOH program.

Second, this measure denotes enhanced payments for Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH)- Type 1. However, ARCH-Type 1 care homes do not qualify for Medicaid payments for their residents since, by definition, ARCHs do not provide the level of care for professional health services provided in an intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility. Therefore, DHS cannot meet the proviso (section 1, lines 9-11) to obtain the maximum amount of federal matching funds available for this expenditure as no federal matching funds are available for these expenditures.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
House Committee on Finance
The Thirty-Second Legislature
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Dear Representative Yamashita and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB1356 HD1 RELATING TO MEDICAID PATIENT CARE.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB1356 HD1**, which appropriates funds to provide enhanced payments to type I adult residential care homes and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes that are caring for medicaid patients.

Per Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 89 of Title 11; an individual residing in a Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Home is called a "resident"; in Chapter 100.1 of Title 11 Adult Residential Care Homes, the term is "resident".

We respectfully request on PAGE 1, line 8, to remove the word "patients" and replace it with "residents".

The words we use reflect how we think about the type of support we offer a person. The word "patient" comes from the Latin "pati" for "suffering" meaning "the one who suffers." It comes from the medical model, which is a deficit (problem) focused modality and conjures up a vision of quiet suffering, of someone lying patiently in a bed waiting for the doctor to come by and give of their skill. It emphasizes the unequal relationship between the caregiver and patient. A "resident" is a person residing in a permanent home. You envision an active individual.

Currently, according to the Department of Health Office of Health Care Assurance's website, there are 40 domiciliary homes and over 500 Type 1 residential care homes in Hawai'i. Covid-19 and recent increases in inflation have hit our local care homes. These homes were a key step in the Hawai'i deinstitutionalization movement and allowed individuals with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) who need care to live in a community-based setting. Any financial support that can be provided to these homes helps keep our I/DD population closer and more integrated into our communities and helps to improve their quality of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB1356 HD1**.

Sincerely,
Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Chair
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Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
Finance Committee

Friday, February 24, 2023
HB1356 Related COVID-19 Reimbursement

Chair Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa and members of the Finance Committee,

Good morning, my name is Esther Pascual. I have been a care home operator for over 50 years. I have been the President of the United Group of Home Operators (UGHO) for over 23 years. I am also the Second Vice President of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU Local 1000 Home Operators).

I agree and support HB1356 that relates to Covid 19 Reimbursement for additional costs related to caring of medical clients during the COVID-19 pandemic to Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH Type - I) and to Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH). I additionally request that HB1356 should also apply to Adult Residential Care Homes Type- 1 providers (ARCH Type - I) and The Developmentally Disabled Domiciliary (DDDOM) home providers and thus be eligible to receive these same reimbursements for COVID-19 expenses. We provide the same services so we should receive the same benefits.

I humbly ask for your support of this bill and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify to this important bill.

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Date: February 22, 2023

At the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board the board supported the concept of House Bill 1356.

Using Medicare funding for Adult Care Homes and related facilities is appropriate. With so many of our seniors requiring support not available in their homes and with only their families who must work as well a provide care this continued support is very appropriate.

Mahalo for your concern,

Robert Finley

Robert Finley
Chair