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March 15, 2023

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura 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. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

House Bill 1356 HD1 – Relating to Medicaid Patient Care

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of House Bill 1356 HD1 – Relating to Medicaid Patient Care. This bill would appropriate funds to provide enhanced payments to type I adult residential care homes and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes that are caring for Medicaid patients.

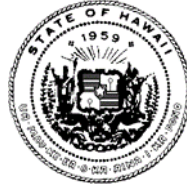
Domiciliary homes for adults with development disabilities offer residents access to residential settings and maximum integration within their community. Funds would provide these homes financial support to continue to deliver necessary supervision and care services for residents with developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW
Executive Director

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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CATHY BETTS
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March 13, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

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

Hearing: March 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 & 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, although the residents may be covered by Medicaid, the ARCH-Type 1 care homes do not qualify for Medicaid payments for their residents since, by definition, ARCHs do not meet the level of care criteria 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 testify on this measure.

Senate Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee
Senator Gilbert Keith Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
HB1356 Related COVID-19 Reimbursement

Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee,

Good morning, my name is Esther Pascual. I am a current care home operator and have been one for over 50 years. I am the President of the United Group of Home Operators (UGHO) and have been in office 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 medicaid clients during the COVID-19 pandemic to Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH Type - I) and to Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH). I 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. As care givers, we provide the similar services that EARCH Type 1 and CCFFH provide. I submit that ARCH Type 1 and DDDOM should also receive the same Covid 19 Reimbursement for additional costs.

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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ILWU Local 1000

99-079 Kauhale Street, Aiea HI 96701

February 27, 2023

Honorable Chair, Sen. Joy San Buenaventura
Honorable Vice-Chair, Sen. Henry Aquino
and
Health and Human Services Committee Members:
Sen. Sharon Moriwaki
Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1356, HB1357, and HB1341

Aloha! We are writing to you today to support House Bill(s) which supports fairness for licensed home operators/providers in Hawaii. Licensed home operators/providers give daily care for the most vulnerable population in our State, the medicaid benefit recipient clients. We provide medicaid clients with their essential daily needs, as well as comfort, companionship, and supervision.

Investment by the State in the improved compensation and fair treatment for our licensed home operators/providers will draw more interest in this profession and result in more new home operators/providers which will relieve some stress on hospital ER usage and reduce homelessness.

The licensed caregivers/home operators are also a good investment for the State as they are a much cheaper and high quality alternative to a skilled nursing facility (nursing home) or hospital. In fact, care for medicaid recipients as licensed home operators saves the State millions of dollars per month.

On behalf of our members, we, the executive board of ILWU Local 1000, ask for your support of the aforementioned Bills that promote fair treatment and compensation for all licensed home operators/providers in Hawaii.

Susan Quinabo
President

Helen Sapla
1st Vice President

Esther Pascual
Vice President

Rosemarie Sebastian
Treasurer

Joenelyn Solmerin
Secretary

Delia Cabingabang
Trustee

Juanita Ulep
Trustee

Levy Vargas
Trustee

ILWU Local 1000 represents licensed
Community Care Foster Family Home
(CCFFH) operators, Adult Residential
Home Operators, Expanded ARCH
(EARCH) operators and Developmentally
Disabled Domiciliary Home operators.



Maria Corazon Cariaga
Trustee

Marylin Villar
Trustee

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

Dear Rep./Sen.

Hello. I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care contractors for the State of Hawaii. We care for the impoverished and the medicaid benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and in some cases, medical care.

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Sincerely yours,

JANET HANKINS (Name)
16-1510 POHAKU CIRCLE
KEAAU HI. 96749 (Address)

Date 2-9-2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HR1357, HB1490/HR1356, HB1491, HB1488/HR1358, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Marites Cabaccang (Name)

PO Box 957 Keaau, HI 96749
(Address)

Date 2/6/2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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SCOTT STUBBERT (Name)
16-1510 POHAKU CIRCLE
KEAAU, HI 96749 (Address)

Date FEB-9, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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JULIET STUBBERT (Name)

14-1510 POHAHU CIRCLE
KEAAU HI 96749 (Address)

Date FEB. 9, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491: HB1488/HB1358; HB 1308

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Reymatt Cabaccang (Name)

PO BOX 957 Keaau, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/9/2023

Re: Support for Bi 1356, HB1491; HB1488/HB1358; HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Ridge Cabaccang (Name)

Box 957 Keolu, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/7/2023

Re: Support for B... HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491: HB1488/HB1358; HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

ANGELO TEDDIE DELA CRUZ
(Name)

851 KEOHOU, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/6/2023

Re: Support for Bill ~~HB1488/HR1357~~ HB1488/HR1357, HB1490/HR1356, HB1491, HB1488/HR1358, HB 1308

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Rey Cabaccang (Name)

PO Box 957 Keaau, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/8/2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Mamuel Sory

(Name)

HLR, Box 5478

Kaun, HI 96749

(Address)

Date *2/8/23*

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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Jade Sumner (Name)

HCA, Box 5478
Kaan, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/8/20

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Sincerely yours,

Pandho Sumobu (Name)

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Kaun, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1409/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1408/HB1359, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Rose Marie Torres (Name)

HCR 1 B 5478
Kalaheo, HI 96249 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Sincerely yours,

Allen Lindsay (Name)

151440 18th Kaloli Keaau HI 96749
(Address)

Date 2/8/2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1306

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Dale Dinsmore

(Name)

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Kaun, HI 96749 (Address)

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Sincerely yours,

Sadao Muramatsu (Name)
151440 18th Kaloli Keaau HI 96749
(Address)

Date 2/8/2023

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Sincerely yours,

Enfernio Salmo (Name)

HCR, Box 5471 (Address)
Kaan, HI 96749

Date 2/8/23

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Sincerely yours,

Bernard Tugade (Name)

151440 18th Kalohi Keaau HI 96749
(Address)

Date

2/8/2023

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Victoria Agcaoli

(Name)

HERI Bay 5th fl

Kaun, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Gina Tugade

(Name)

151440 18th Kaloli Keaau HI 96749

(Address)

Date

2/8/2023

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Sincerely yours,

Pandho Z. A. Sumbao (Name)

HR, Box 5478

Kaunoi, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Farid Aman

(Name)

HR, Box 5478

Maui, HI 96749

(Address)

Date

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Amethyst Sumner (Name)

HEA, Box 5418
Kaun, HI 96749 (Address)

Date *2/8/23*

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491: HB1488/HB1358: HB 1308

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Jaynie Sumner (Name)

HCP, Box 5478
Keaau, HI 96749 (Address)

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Edna Rice (Name)

15-1707 26th Ave. (HAP) (Address)

Heaali, HI 96749

Date 02/09/2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1309, HB 1489/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1358 & HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Name: MARILYN VILLAR

Address: 94-242 PUKAHI ST
WAIPAHU HI 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: OFELIA C. SIMPLICIANO

Address: 94-106 KAUPI PLACE
WAIPIAHU, HI. 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name:

ANGELITA A. SORIA / Angelita A. Soria

Address:

94-346 Hene ST.
Waipahu, HI 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Glavia Amodo

Address: 1437 Ala Leleu St.
Honolulu, HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: *Ruby G. Bui*
Address: *744 A 22nd Avenue*
Honolulu, HI 96816.

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: DELLA D. CABINGABANG

Address: 94-1121 WAIPIHU ST
WAIPIHU, HI 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Rosalinda Olivas
Address: 3410 Aliamanu St.
Hon. HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Dyanita A. Ulep

Address: 2817 Nihii St.

Hon. HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Gloria Picto

Address: 7504 Likini St. Hon. HI 96819

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Name: Cionita Salvador

Address: 1533 Ala Iolani Place

Hon. HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Ensebia Ibara

Address: 99-603 Alia Place
Alia, Hi. 96701

Date: February 08, 2023

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Address: 99-603 ALIA PLACE
AIEA, HI 96701

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Esther B. Pascual

Address: 1802 Nahine Pl

Honolulu, HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1300, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1359, HB1491, HB1499/HB1358, HB 1300

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Prescilla R. Eder
PRESCILLA R. EDER (Name)

17-155 Papaya St. Keaan Hawaii 96749
(Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1358, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Edico Pelayan (Name)

31 Naha St, Hilo, HI (Address)
96720

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1300, HB1489/HB1357, HB1400/HB1396, HB1491, HB1480/HB1358, HB 1308

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Margieneth Pelayan (Name)

31 Noha St. Hilo HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Melanie Finley (Name)

2692 Waiomaha Way Hilo HI (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491; HB1488/HB1358; HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Loriella Fiesta (Name)

116-2088 Emerald Dr (Address)
Pahoa HI 96778

Date 02.8.23

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Sincerely yours,

Cresencio S. Lapka (Name)
38 Pakalana St.
Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)
date Feb. 8, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1300, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

NANCY TOLENTINO

N. Tolentino (Name)

P. O. Box 1727 Paia, HI 96772 (Address)

Date 2-7-23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB1308

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Sincerely yours,

Ellen Uyeda (Name)

88 Pakalana St (Address)
Hilo, HI 96720

Date February 8, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1356; &

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Cesencia J. Ilogan (Name)
88 Pakulana St
Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date Feb 8, 2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1309, HB 1489/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1358 & HB 1308

TO: HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS (HLT) COMMITTEE

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Sincerely yours,

Name: DELIA D. CABINGABANG

Address: 94-1121 WAIPIHU ST
WAIPIHU, HI 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: OFELIA C. SIMPLICIANO

Address: 94-106 KAUPU PLACE

WAIPIAHU, HI. 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for HRE(s) ~~HB 1398~~ ~~HB 1400~~ ~~HB 1387~~ ~~HB 1390~~ ~~HB 1394~~ ~~HB 1391~~ ~~HB 1403~~ ~~HB 1399~~ ~~HB 1390~~

Dear Rep. Sen Della A. Beatty - chair Jama Takamoueki Vice Chair
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Sincerely yours,

Bradford Buckel (Name)

13 Koaopuni Pl. Hib, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: Request for Bill: HB 1329, HB 1400, HB 1357, HB 1400, HB 1388, HB 1401, HB 1400, HB 1380, HB 1388

Dear Rep. Bert Della Au Belatti - chair *Jenna Takahashi Vice Chair*
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Sincerely yours,

Jim E. Baker (Name)
69 Kulekani St., Hilo 96720 (Address)

date *2/7/23*

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1480, HB1357, HB1490, HB1358, HB1491, HB1489, HB1358, HB 1308

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Mari Pedersen (Name)

13 Kaapuni Pl. Hialeah, FL 33012 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1366, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1309

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Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Shindo (Name)

117 Melani St, Hilo HI 96720 (Address)

Date Feb. 8, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB 1366, HB 1450, HB 1357, HB 1400, HB 1368, HB 1491, HB 1480, HB 1355, HB 1356

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Sincerely yours,

Victor J. Bailey (Name)

69 Malama St., Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 02/7/23

Re: Support for HB1300, HB1400, HB1367, HB1400, HB1356, HB1401, HB1400, HB1388, HB 1308

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David Weiss (Name)

P.O. Box 6917, Hilo, 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB 1305, HB 1400, HB 1357, HB 1400, HB 1304, HB 1401, HB 1402, HB 1358, HB 1302

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Sincerely yours,

Wayne Yamashita (Name)

5147 Keiki Lane Cr. Honolulu 96821 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1368, HB1460, HB1367, HB1460, HB1368, HB1461, HB1460, HB1368, HB1369

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Sincerely yours,

Bessie Jimelo (Name)

117 Melani St. Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HR1300, HR1499, HR1367, HR1400, HR1358, HR1401, HR1498, HR1355, HR 1308

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Edie Yamashita (Name)

P.O. Box 390642, Keahou 96739 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

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HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1358 & HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Esther B. Pascual

Address: 1802 Nahine Pl
Honolulu, HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: Eusebia Ibero

Address: 99-603 Alia Place
Alia, Hi. 96701

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: MARCELO IBERA

Address: 99-603 ALIA PLACE
AIEA, HI 96701

Date: February 08, 2023

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Ernesto Tedes (Name)

15-2716 Manini St., Pahoa, HI 96776
(Address)

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Name: Cionita Salvador

Address: 1533 Ala Iolani Place

Hon. HI 96819

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Name: Gloria Picta

Address: 2504 Likini St. Hon. HI 96819

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Rosalinda Olivas
Address: 3410 Aliamanu St.
Hon. HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1309, HB 1489/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,
HB1491, HB 1488/HB 1358 & HB 1308

TO: HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS (HLT) COMMITTEE

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Name: Dyanita A. Ulep

Address: 2817 Nihii St.

Hono. Iki 96819

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Name: ANGELITA A. SORIA / Angelita A. Soria
Address: 94-346 Hene St.
Waipahu, HI 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1488/HB1357, HB1490/HB1355, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Thelma Lopez (Name)

920 Paku St. Hilo, 96721 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1488/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1492/HB1358, HB 1308

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Sincerely yours,

Arcenio Lopez (Name)

920 Puku St., Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Sincerely yours,

Loriella Fiesta (Name)

16-2088 Emerald Dr (Address)
Pahoa HI 96778

Date 02-8-23



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Name: Glavia Amodo

Address: 1437 Ala Ielean St.
Honolulu, HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: *Ruby J. Bin*

Address: *744 A 22nd Avenue*

Honolulu, HI 96814.

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB 1366, HB 1420, HB 1367, HB 1420, HB 1368, HB 1401, HB 1420, HB 1369, HB 1368

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Sincerely yours,

Victoria Baker (Name)

69 Melani St., Hilo, HI 96720 (address)

Date 02/7/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB 1369, HB 1400, HB 1387, HB 1407, HB 1384, HB 1401, HB 1400, HB 1380, HB 1384

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T. Amato G. Hogan B. Kobayashi I. M. Williams S. Nishimura D. Garcia
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69 Melani St., Hilo 96720 (Address)

Date 2/7/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1499/HB1367, HB1490/HB1366, HB1491, HB1488/HB1356, HB 130A

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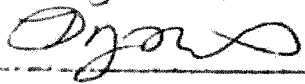
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Phyllis Shindo



(Name)

Hilo, Hawaii

1562 Lanikai Pl.

(Address)

Date 02/08/2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: Royalene Awa
Address: 47-266 Hui Iwa St. #D
Kaneohe HI 96744

Date: February 08, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1309, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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IMELDA J. PACRIS (Name)

124 W. KINAH PLACE
HILO, HI. 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1489/HB1357, HB1490/HB1356, HB1491, HB1488/HB1358, HB 1308

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EDWIN J. PACRIS, JR (Name)

124 W. KIMBI PLACE

HICO, HI. 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Monica Kyzenthia Edok (Name)

1715 Kapaeha St. (Address)

Keolu, Hawaii 96749

Dated: 3/8/2023

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17-155 Pepee St. (Address)

Keeau, Hawaii 96749

Dated: 3/9/2023

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Trishida A. Eden (Name)

17-1st Papapaia Pl. (Address)

Kaunoi, Hawaii 96749

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Jocelyn Uco/ (Name)

P.O. Box 1515 (Address)

Keaan HI 96749

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17327 PiliKino Rd. (Address)

KURFISTOWN, HI. 96760

Dated: 3/9/23

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Charlene Soriano (Name)

17-327 Pili King Rd. (Address)

Kurtistown HI 96760

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NANCY TOLLENTINO (Name)

P.O. Box 1727 (Address)

Pahoa, HI. 96770

Dated: March 9, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

NICOMEDET EDER (Name)

47 W. KINAI PL (Address)

HILLO, HI 96720

Dated: 3/8/23

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Ludivina Eder (Name)

147 W. Kinai Pl. (Address)

Hilo, HI 96720

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Sincerely yours,

Margiebeth Poljan (Name)

#31 31 Nohea St. Hilo (Address)

Dated: 3/8/23

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Sincerely yours,

Eliseo Pelayan (Name)

#31 Nohau St. (Address)

Hilo, HI

Dated: 3/8/23

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

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Sincerely,

CHERYLL O. B. APULYA (Name)

2517 HOENUI ST (Address)

HON. HI 96819

Date 3/8/2013

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

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Dear Senator / Representative,

I am a resident of EWA BEACH and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home operators/caregivers (CCFFH, ARCH, EARCH, and DDD), and provide them increased pay, fair treatment, and reasonable regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and destitute. Many of the patients/clients are medicaid benefits recipients and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets or beaches.

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Sincerely,

MARILYN LLANOS (Name)

91-1276 HOOPID ST. (Address)

EWA BEACH, HI 96706

Date MARCH 8, 2023

Chair Senator Joy San Buenaventura;
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aquino; and
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Sincerely yours,

Josefina Ugalino (Name)

1017 Ehoehy Ave (Address)

Wahiawa, HI 96796

Dated: 3/7/2023

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Sincerely yours,

Trinidad Rosario (Name)

772 Pakanui Drive (Address)

Wahiawa, HI 96782

Dated: 7/7/2023

March 6, 2023

TO: Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aquino
The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

RE: **SUPPORT FOR BILL(S): HB1357, HB1356, SB1474**

Aloha! My name is Rodrigo Kamealoha. I grew up in the tight-knit community of Whitmore Village (Wahiawa) where many of my family and friends still reside. I am providing this written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of bill(s) HB1356, HB1357, SB1474 in favor of increased Medicaid compensation and fair and reasonable working conditions for licensed Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded ARCHs (E-ARCH), Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH), and Development Disabilities Domiciliary Homes (DDDh).

These residential care homes and foster family homes provide much needed bedspace for Medicaid clients, and they are an important part of the public health system. The hardworking care providers should be recognized for all their hard work and sacrifices but instead the state continues to ignore their needs and take advantage of them.

The Medicaid payment rate has not increased in over 14 years despite the cost of living in Hawaii being one of the highest in the nation. That's just unacceptable and they shouldn't have to wait any longer.

This legislative session, I ask for your support for the care home industry in Hawaii and vote in favor of an increase in compensation and fair and reasonable working conditions.

Mahalo!

Submitted by:

RODRIGO KAMEALOHA
95-661 KILOHOKU STREET
MILILANI, HI 96789

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

TO: Representative Lauren Matsumoto
House District 38

RE: **SUPPORT FOR HB1357, HB1356, SB1474**
LICENSED CAREGIVER/HOME OPERATORS

DATE: March 6, 2023

Aloha Representative Matsumoto:

My name is Austin Bonsilao and I reside in Mililani Mauka where I was born and raised. I would like to express my strong SUPPORT for HB1357, HB1356, SB1474 to provide fair compensation and reasonable regulations for all licensed CCFH, ARCH, E-ARCH and DDDh care homes.

Before my grandmother passed away in 2018, she resided in a care home in Waipahu. I was very close with my grandmother and visited her often. I was very concerned about having her live in a stranger's house at first, but we really didn't have a choice because she needed constant care that my family could not provide at that time. It was during my visits with her that I saw how hard these caregivers work every single day from cooking, cleaning, bathing, laundry and taking their patients where they needed to go – they do it all. It gave me comfort knowing that my grandmother was in good hands and she was treated like part of the family. I will forever be thankful for all the love and care they showed to my grandmother during the golden years. I cannot stress enough the respect and appreciation I have for the care home industry in Hawaii. It is because of my grandmother that I chose to become a nurse. She inspired me to take care of others who need help.

I feel that the state should recognize the importance of having community caregivers who give more than just physical care but emotional support too. Everyone wants to feel loved especially when they get old.

Please support the licensed homecare operator Bills and advocate on their behalf. It has been over 14 years since they received an increase in their Medicaid payments.

Thank you for your outstanding service to our community and the people of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Austin Bonsilao

Austin P. Bonsilao
95-1033 Kuauli Street, #85
Mililani, HI 96789

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

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Sincerely,

MARYJANE AKUANA (Name)

95-1116 LOEA STREET (Address)

Mililani, HI 96789

Date 3/6/2023

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Sincerely,

GREG BANAGA (Name)

95-557 Wehe Wehe Ln. (Address)

Mililani, HI 96789

Date 3/6/2023

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Sincerely,
Maria Gomez (Name)
05-20 Kuaua St. (Address)
Mililani HI 96789
Date 3/6/23

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Sincerely,

DERWIN & SHARON YAMAGUCHI (Name)

95-443 HOKULUA CR. (Address)

MILILANI, HI 96785

Date 3/5/23

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Sincerely,

Raou Bilua (Name)

95-1005 Paea St. (Address)

Mililani HI 96754

Date 03/6/2023

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Sincerely,

BENJAMIN REBOLICIO (Name)

95-772 MAILO ST (Address)

MILILANI 96789

Date MAR 6 23

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVERS / HOME OPERATORS

BILL(S): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

Dear Senator / Representative:

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Please extend your support and vote for the aforementioned bills as these hard-working home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years. The recognition and appreciation of the care home industry in Hawaii is long overdue. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Lilia R. Banaga

(Name)

95-553 Wehe Wehe Loop

Mililani, HI 96789

(Address)

Date: 03/06/2023

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

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Sincerely,

Dan Zeb (Name)

95-317 Hookona Place (Address)

Mililani HI 96784

Date 06 - MAR - 2023

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Sincerely,

Mary Mungalo (Name)

95-553 Wehewehe Lane (Address)

Mililani HI 96789

Date 02-07-2023

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Sincerely,

Evelia Galamgam (Name)

95 - 1016 Ahikan St (Address)

Mililani 96782

Date 31 06/23

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

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Sincerely,

Donna Marie Way (Name)
300 WAIWANE WAY #1864 (Address)
HONOLULU, HI 96815

Date 3/13/2023

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS

HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Representative Lamosao/*Senator Henry Aquino*

I am writing in strong support of licensed caregiver bills for Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH), TYPE-I Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH) and Developmental Disabilities Domicillary Home (DDOM)

The caregivers in our community work hard every single day of the year caring for and enriching the lives of our elderly and disabled family members. There are many residential care homes located right here in Waipahu and we understand the important role they play in our community caring for our families and loved ones. They do not only enrich the lives of their clients but their family members as well who are unable to provide the necessary care for their loved ones.

I humbly ask for your support for HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491 to provide fair compensation and improved working conditions for the licensed caregivers in Hawaii.

We need to support the care home industry in order for them to remain sustainable especially in these tough economic times. It has been over 14 years since there was any increase in their Medicaid wages. Please vote yes in support of the aforementioned licensed caregiver bills.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Annarin (Name)
94-378 Haha St. (Address)
Waipahu, Hi. 96797

Date: 2/20/23

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Sincerely,

CLERITO NEVRES (Name)
94 378 Haak St (Address)
Waip. Hi 96797

Date: 2/20/23

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I respectfully ask for your support for HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491 to provide fair compensation and improved working conditions for the licensed care homes providers in Hawaii.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Benjamin K. Kawai (Name)
WAIPAHU (Address)
AWALAI ST 94-1128

Date: 2-20-23

Support for Licensed Caregivers Bill(s):

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These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and destitute. Many of the patients/clients are on medicaid benefits and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets and beaches.

These licensed home caregivers are an important and cost-efficient support system for our community and a vital part of the local health care industry. The residential home setting gives much needed one-to-one attention and supervision that the allow the patient/clients a greater family-ohana setting than a hospital or skilled nursing facility at a fraction of the cost to the State.

Please extend your support and vote for the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Remedios Bamba (Name)
94-1042 Helelehuia St (Address)
Waipahu HI

Date 7/20/2023

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS
HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Representative Lamosao: / *Senator Henry Aquino*

I am writing in strong support of the aforementioned caregiver bills for all licensed Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH) and Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Home (DDDM).

The caregivers in our community work hard every single day of the year caring for and enriching the lives of our elderly and disabled population. There are many residential care homes located throughout our neighborhoods in Waipahu and we recognize the important role they play in our healthcare industry.

We need to support the care home industry for them to remain sustainable in these tough economic times. It has been over 14 years since there was any increase in their Medicaid wages and many of the caregivers are feeling the financial burden as the cost for food, gas and basic necessities are at an all-time high.

I respectfully ask for your support and to please vote in favor of HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491 to provide fair compensation and improved working conditions for the licensed care homes providers in Hawaii.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Samantha Peafel (Name)

94-289 Kahuaole St. (Address)

Waipahu, HI 96797

Date: 2/20/23

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS
HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Representative Lamosao:

I am writing in strong support of the aforementioned caregiver bills for all licensed Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH) and Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Home (DDDM).

The caregivers in our community work hard every single day of the year caring for and enriching the lives of our elderly and disabled population. There are many residential care homes located right here in Waipahu and we recognize the important role they play in our healthcare industry. They do not only enrich the lives of their clients but their family members as well who are unable to provide the necessary care for their loved ones.

We need to support the care home industry in order for them to remain sustainable especially in these tough economic times. It has been over 14 years since there was any increase in their Medicaid wages.

I respectfully ask for your support for HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491 to provide fair compensation and improved working conditions for the licensed care homes providers in Hawaii.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Walter Espinoza (Name)

94-1135 Kahualani (Address)

Waipahu HI 96797

Date: 2-21-23

**STRONG SUPPORT FOR
HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1357, HB1488 and HB1491**

Dear Representative Chun:

My name is Linda Guting and I have been a residential care homeowner / operator in Waipahu for 46 years. I am providing this testimony in **STRONG** support for bills **HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1357, HB1488 and HB1491.**

To be a caregiver you need more than just credentials and skills. You also need patience, kindness and a good understanding of your clients' individual needs in order to effectively manage the demands of the job. Our daily routine is very hectic and overwhelming that we sometimes experience "caregiver burnout" but our job never ends and we rarely have any personal time for ourselves or our families.

A recent Medicaid study has confirmed that Hawaii has the lowest Medicaid FFS rates and that community care home providers are underpaid. We are making way below the minimum wage for the work that we do.

All caregivers were impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic and many of us are still trying to recover from our losses. The legislature passed a bill (SB 3236) last year to provide pandemic relief payments to long term care providers and while some of the care homes did receive the enhanced payment, the Type-I ARCH and DDD care home providers were excluded from this bill and we received nothing. The state benefits financially from the Type-I ARCH and DDD care homes because we have the largest population of Medicaid clients.

For so many years we have been coming to the state legislature in dire need of help, but we were never given the respect or recognition that we deserved. A caregiver finds fulfillment in helping those who are unable to help themselves, but sometimes we need help too. We have been waiting long enough and we deserve fair compensation and better working conditions right now.

I humbly ask that you vote in favor of caregiver bills **HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1357, HB1488 and HB1491** and support the care home providers in Hawaii.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Guting

Address: 94-1032A Lumikula Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

Date: 02/21/2023

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS
HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Representative Lamosao/*Senator Henry Aguino*

I am writing in strong support of licensed caregiver bills for Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH), TYPE-I Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH) and Developmental Disabilities Domicillary Home (DDOM)

The caregivers in our community work hard every single day of the year caring for and enriching the lives of our elderly and disabled family members. There are many residential care homes located right here in Waipahu and we understand the important role they play in our community caring for our families and loved ones. They do not only enrich the lives of their clients but their family members as well who are unable to provide the necessary care for their loved ones.

I humbly ask for your support for HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491 to provide fair compensation and improved working conditions for the licensed caregivers in Hawaii.

We need to support the care home industry in order for them to remain sustainable especially in these tough economic times. It has been over 14 years since there was any increase in their Medicaid wages. Please vote yes in support of the aforementioned licensed caregiver bills.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Remedios Sambajon (Name)

94-1042 Haleakala St. (Address)

Waipahu, HI 96797

Date: *2/20/23*

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS

HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Representative Lamosao / *Senator Henry Aquino*

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We need to support the care home industry in order for them to remain sustainable especially in these tough economic times. It has been over 14 years since there was any increase in their Medicaid wages.

I respectfully ask for your support for HB1308, HB1309, HB1356, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491 to provide fair compensation and improved working conditions for the licensed care homes providers in Hawaii.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Cephus
(Name)

24-127 Hinani
(Address)

Waipahu HI 96727

Date:

2/20/22

Chair Senator Joy San Buenaventura,
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aguilar and
the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Chair Senator Don Ivan Dela Cruz,
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith Aguilar, and
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Bill Support for Bill(s) HB 1352, HB 1356, SB 1344

Ahead I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed caregivers/home operators in Hawaii so that we can survive and continue to provide health care services for the State of Hawaii. We are the Community Care Foster Homes (CCFH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH) and Developmentally Disabled Democratic (DDD) Homes that provide direct care for the impoverished, sick, and/or elderly and medicare benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and bathe them, dress them, feed them, and help them with toileting/diapers. We are often the only people that the medicare benefit recipients can count on for anything.

Inflation in costs to care for and feed our clients/patients has skyrocketed but we have received no significant increase in payments from the State in 14 of the last 15 years. The Department of Health has also increased cost burdens on us and taken away benefits to us over the years.

Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills so that licensed caregivers/home operators may survive and provide vital services in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen Lytle (Name)
150 Kalia Road (Address)
Hialeah, FL 33010
Dated *3/6/2023*

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Chair Senator Jay San Buenaventura;
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aquino; and
the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

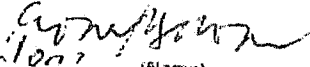
Chair Senator Donovan Dafa Cruz;
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran; and
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1357, HB1356, SB1479

Aloha! I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed caregivers/home operators in Hawaii so that we can survive and continue to provide health care services for the State of Hawaii. We are the Community Care Foster Homes (CCFH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH) and Developmentally Disabled Domestic (DDD) Homes that provide direct care for the impoverished, sick, and/or elderly and medicare benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and bathe them, dress them, feed them, and help them with toileting/diapers. We are often the only people that the medicare benefit recipients can count on for anything.

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Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills so that licensed caregivers/home operators may survive and provide vital services in the future.

Sincerely yours, 
Edna Salom (Name)

812 W. Ikahele (Address)
Hilo, HI 96720

Dated:

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Chair Senator Joy San Buenaventura;
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aguilar and
The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz;
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran; and
The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Support for Bills: HB1357, HB1356, SB1374

Aloha. I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed caregivers/home operators in Hawaii so that we can survive and continue to provide health care services for the State of Hawaii. We are the Community Care Foster Homes (CCFH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH) and Developmentally Disabled Demolitory (DDD) Homes that provide direct care for the impoverished, sick, and/or elderly and medicaid benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and bathe them, dress them, feed them, and help them with toileting/diapers. We are often the only people that the medicaid benefit recipients can count on for anything.

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Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills so that licensed caregivers/home operators may survive and provide vital services in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Aileen Paopao (Name)
88 Pakikalan St (Address)

Hilo, HI 96720

Dated March 6, 2023

CGS

Chair Senator Jay Sen Buenaventura;
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aguilar, and
the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz;
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran; and
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Support for Bills: HB 357, HB 356, SB 475

A maunani writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed caregivers/home operators in Hawaii so that we can survive and continue to provide health care services for the State of Hawaii. We are the Community Care Foster Homes (CCFH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH) and Developmentally Disabled Demerol (DDD) Homes that provide direct care for the impoverished, sick, and/or elderly and medicare benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and bathe them, dress them, feed them, and help them with toileting/diapers. We are often the only people that the medicare benefit recipients can count on for anything.

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Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills so that licensed caregivers/home operators may survive and provide vital services in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Christine Dwyer (Name)
18 Kalia Ave. (Address)
Hialeah, HI 90790
Dated: March 6, 2023

CGS

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Vice Chair Senator Henry Aquino; and
the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Chair Senator Donovan Dele Cruz;
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran; and
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1357, HB1356, SB1474

Aloha! I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed caregivers/home operators in Hawaii so that we can survive and continue to provide health care services for the State of Hawaii. We are the Community Care Foster Homes (CCFH), Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (EARCH) and Developmentally Disabled Domiciliary (DDD) Homes that provide direct care for the impoverished, sick, and/or elderly and Medicaid benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, supervision, and bathe them, dress them, feed them, and help them with toileting/diapers. We are often the only people that the Medicaid benefit recipients can count on for anything.

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Please show your support and vote for the aforementioned bills so that licensed caregivers/home operators may survive and provide vital services in the future.

Sincerely yours, *[Signature]*
Leonarda *[Signature]* (Name)
15-3-225 Konoiki *[Signature]* (Address)
Pahoa, HI 96778
Dated: 3/17/23

CGS

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1174

Dear Senator / Representative,

I am a resident of Hilo and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home operators/caregivers (CCFFH, ARCH, EARCH, and DDD), and provide them increased pay, fair treatment, and reasonable regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and destitute. Many of the patients/clients are medicaid benefits recipients and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets or beaches.

These licensed home caregivers are an important and cost efficient support system for our community and a vital part of the local health care industry. The residential home setting gives much needed one-to-one attention and supervision that allows the patient/clients a greater family-ohana at a fraction of the cost of a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

Please extend your support and vote for the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

PHYLLIS SHANNON (Name)

P.O. BOX 4276 (Address)

HILO, HI 96720

Date 3 7 23

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

Dear Senator / Representative,

I am a resident of 812 W. Kawaiilani St. Hilo and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home operators/caregivers (CCFFH, ARCH, EARCH, and DDD), and provide them increased pay, fair treatment, and reasonable regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and destitute. Many of the patients/clients are medicaid benefits recipients and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets or beaches.

These licensed home caregivers are an important and cost efficient support system for our community and a vital part of the local health care industry. The residential home setting gives much needed one-to-one attention and supervision that allows the patient/clients a greater family-ohana at a fraction of the cost of a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

Please extend your support and vote for the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years. Mahalo!

Sincerely, Octavia Sumoba
Octavia Sumoba (Name)
812 W. Kawaiilani St. (Address)
Hilo HI 96720
Date 3/7/23

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

Dear Senator / Representative,

I am a resident of Hilo and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home operators/caregivers (CCFFH, ARCH, EARCH, and DDD), and provide them increased pay, fair treatment, and reasonable regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and destitute. Many of the patients/clients are medicaid benefits recipients and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets or beaches.

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Please extend your support and vote for the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Janet Bouce RBM. (Name)

PO Box 1435. (Address)

Hilo, HI 96721.

Date March 7 2023.

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Rep./Sen.

I am a resident of Wailuku and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home caregivers, and more fair treatment and fair regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and impoverished. They provide important support for our community and a vital link in the health care system. Many of the patients/clients are on medicaid benefits and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets and beaches.

Please extend your support and vote to the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Garnelita Yago (Name)

607 Ukali St. (Address)

Wailuku, Hi. 96793

Date March 3, 2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Rep./Sen.

I am a resident of Wailuku and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home caregivers, and more fair treatment and fair regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and impoverished. They provide important support for our community and a vital link in the health care system. Many of the patients/clients are on medicaid benefits and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets and beaches.

Please extend your support and vote to the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Andrea Amor Villalba (Name)

109 Pualalea Circle (Address)

Wailuku, HI 96793

Date 2/21/2023

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Rep./Sen.

I am a resident of Wailuku, Maui and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home caregivers, and more fair treatment and fair regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and impoverished. They provide important support for our community and a vital link in the health care system. Many of the patients/clients are on medicaid benefits and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets and beaches.

Please extend your support and vote to the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Herminio Dela Cruz (Name)

535 Maika St (Address)

Wailuku HI 96793

Date 3/5/23

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Rep./Sen.

I am a resident of Wailuku and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home caregivers, and more fair treatment and fair regulation. These licensed home caregivers provide for all the daily needs of the ill, elderly, and impoverished. They provide important support for our community and a vital link in the health care system. Many of the patients/clients are on medicaid benefits and they would have nowhere else to go except on the streets and beaches.

Please extend your support and vote to the aforementioned bills as the home caregivers have not received a significant raise in payment for 14 of the last 15 years.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

MERLINA VALDEZ (Name)

091 Hoomau ST (Address)

Wailuku HI 96743

Date 3 | 7 | 23

HB-1356-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 11:34:20 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie S. Sebastian	Testifying for ILWU Local 1000	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello:

I am writing to you to ask for your support for the licensed home operators in Hawaii. We are health care contractors for the State of Hawaii., We care for the impoverished and the medicaid benefit recipients--who are unable to care for themselves. We provide for their housing, meals and snacks, daily needs, 24/7, 365 days supervision; and in some cases, we bring patients to their doctor's appointments, and we also provide medicine monitoring.

The previous bill (approved) for Covid Relief reimbursements DIDN'T include Type I Adult Residential Care Homes and DD Domiciliary Homes and that's probably the reason we didn't receive any Covid Relief reimbursements until today. The Community Care Foster Family Homes and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes were the only ones included in the approved bill--thus, most of them received Covid Relief reimbursements. In fact, CCFFH are in the process of being reimbursed their second wave of Covid Relief reimbursements at this time. I think that this is so unfair to us!

Our home is a Type I ARCH. We've been in operation for 50 plus years--caring for patients/individuals who are medicaid recipients only. Our pay is barely enough, and just like any other Home Health Facility, we were also affected by the consequences of the Covid pandemic; therefore, our home--along with DD Domiciliary Homes request that you consider approval of this bill.

Your kind support would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Rosemarie S. Sebastian, Treasurer

ILWU LOCAL 1000

99-079 Kauhale St., #101

Aiea, HI 96701

HB-1356-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 9:51:15 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juanita	Testifying for Local 1000 ILWU	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

Vice Chair Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino

member of the committee

Senate 2023

I am in support of HB1356 relating to legislative SB3236 was passed (2023 act 254).

My name is Juanita A. Ulep, Type 1 ARCH care provider for thirty eight (38) years. I have been caring for medicaid clients for thirty eight (38) years. I am hoping to recieve a portion from the \$18 million allotted for covid expenses.

Chair, vice chair, and members of the comittee, please help us support the bill for us to survive.

Thank You.

Juanita A. Ulep

Local 1000 ILWU

Trustee

THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



HHS_03-15-23 1:00PM HB 1356, 1357

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TO: THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

CONCERNING: HB 1356 HD1 (HSCR961) Relating to Medicaid Patient Care and
HB 1357 HD1 (HSCR962) Relating to Care Homes
POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

ALOHA Chair Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee

The Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has more than 2,000 enrolled members who are politically active and greatly interested in all issues affecting seniors in the State of Hawai‘i and nationally.

Our Caucus strongly requests that you support both bill HB 1356 and HB1357. Both of these bills are intended to address some of the financial inequities in compensation faced by health care and residential facilities and services for the poor, the aged and otherwise challenged people in our State.

The current Federal and State funds which are supposed to reimburse Care Homes simply have been inadequate for decades and continue to be so. Supplemental funds which were provided by the Federal Government during the Pandemic made the situation even more obvious. HB1357 Simply acknowledges that this inequity has existed for a long time and that care homes which survived the pandemic need to be compensated for years of under-reimbursement.

Regardless of whether or not the Department of Health receives matching funds from the Federal Government, the people who own and manage these homes are simply not receiving enough from Medicare or Medicaid to meet necessary expenses. Expenses continue to rise.

These bills should be passed

Martha Randolph for the Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

HB-1356-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 9:27:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mathew Yamamoto	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Honorable Chair, Senator Joy San Buenaventura

Honorable Vice-Chair, Senator Henry Aquino

and

Health and Human Services Committee Members:

Senator Sharon Moriwaki

Senator Maile Shimabukuro

Senator Brenton Awa

Re: Support for Bill(s) HB1356 and HB1357

Aloha! We are writing to you today to support House Bill(s) which supports fairness for licensed home operators/providers in Hawaii. Licensed home operators/providers give daily care for the most vulnerable population in our State, the medicaid benefit recipient clients. We provide medicaid clients with their essential daily needs, as well as comfort, companionship, and supervision. Many of the medicaid recipient clients would have nowhere else to go except the streets or beaches.

Investment by the State in the improved compensation and fair treatment for our licensed home operators/providers will draw more interest in this profession and result in more new home operators/providers which will relieve some stress on hospital ER usage and reduce homelessness.

The licensed caregivers/home operators are also a good investment for the State as they are a much cheaper and high quality alternative to a skilled nursing facility (nursing home) or hospital. In fact, care for medicaid recipients as licensed home operators saves the State millions of dollars per month.

On behalf of our members, we ask for your support of the aforementioned Bills that promote fair treatment and compensation for all licensed home operators/providers in Hawaii.

HB-1356-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 4:39:39 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaili	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I stand in support of HB 1356.

HB-1356-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 9:29:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Tomas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this measure for licensed caregivers in the State of Hawaii to receive an increase in their Medicaid reimbursement rate. They have not received any significant increases since 2009. The cost of living has continued to go up but their pay has remained the same. The service that caregivers provide is vital to the State of Hawaii and their medicaid recipients.