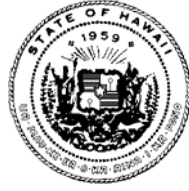


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March 13, 2023

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

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: [HB 1357 HD1](#) - RELATING TO CARE HOMES.

Hearing: March 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) respectfully opposes this measure. DHS requests that any appropriation not replace or reduce priorities identified in the executive budget and Governor's Messages.

**PURPOSE:** This bill Appropriates funds for enhanced payments for each Medicaid-eligible client cared for by certain care homes over the last fourteen years. Effective 7/30/3000. (HD1)

The HD1 amended the measure by (1) Amending the appropriation to provide enhanced payments to certain care home providers rather than back payments; and (2) Changing the effective date to July 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

This measure proposes enhanced payment of \$2500 for each Medicaid-eligible client residing in either a Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH), Adult Residential Care Home-Type I (ARCH), Expanded adult residential care home (E-ARCH), or a Developmental disabilities domiciliary homes (DDDom).

DHS notes that the \$2500 per Medicaid resident per year going back 14 years would not qualify for federal Medicaid match under any scenario as there is no legal basis for such payments. Therefore, such payments would have to be paid using general funds only.

DHS does not reimburse Developmental Disabilities domiciliary homes; instead, the Department of Health's (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) develops the rates and pays for those homes. However, payments from DOH DDD would also not qualify for any federal matching funds and would be general funds only.

DHS Med-QUEST Division also does not reimburse Adult Residential Care Homes – Type I for home and community-based services since they do not provide the Level of Care required to qualify for home and community-based services. ARCHs do have residents who are covered by Medicaid. However, payments for things like room and board are made by the Social Security Administration on behalf of the resident from their Supplemental Security Income and, if the resident qualifies, their State Supplemental Payment, as outlined in sections 346-53(c) and (d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

If the intent is to increase the amount care homes receive for care, the Legislature could consider amending the State Supplemental Payment (SSP) amounts in sections 346-53(c) and (d), HRS, which has not been updated since 2008. The State Supplemental Payment program assists individuals residing in domiciliary care (Dom Care), such as the care homes named in this measure, to help cover various costs, such as their room and board. The residents must be eligible for federal supplementary income (SSI), public assistance, or both. The State Supplemental Payment (SSP) is used for the following:

- Domiciliary care payments, as specified in section 346-53(c), HRS;
- Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for individuals residing in settings as specified in section 346D-4.5, HRS; and
- Administrative fees paid to the Social Security Administration (SSA) to add the SSP amounts to each individual's monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check.

The applicable portions of section 346-53(c)-(d), HRS, reads as follows:

"(c) The director, under chapter 91, shall determine the rate of payment for domiciliary care, including care provided in licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes, to be provided to recipients who are eligible for federal supplementary security

income or public assistance, or both. The director shall provide for level of care payment as follows:

- (1) Beginning on July 1, 2008, for adult residential care homes classified as facility type I, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes as defined under section 321-15.9, community care foster family homes as defined under section 321-481, and certified adult foster homes as defined under section 321-11.2, the state supplemental payment shall not exceed \$651.90; and
- (2) Beginning on July 1, 2008, for adult residential care homes classified as facility type II, the state supplemental payment shall not exceed \$759.90.

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(d) On July 1, 2006, and thereafter, as the department determines a need, the department shall authorize a payment, as allowed by federal law, for resident clients receiving supplemental security income in adult residential care home type I and type II facilities, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes as defined under section 321-15.9, community care foster family homes as defined under section 321-481, and certified adult foster homes as defined under section 321-11.2, when state funds appropriated for the purpose of providing payments under subsection (c) for a specific fiscal year are not expended fully within a period that meets the requirements of the department's maintenance of effort agreement with the Social Security Administration.

The payment shall be made with that portion of state funds identified in this subsection that has not been expended.

The department shall determine the rate of payment to ensure compliance with its maintenance of effort agreement with the Social Security Administration."

Notably, there already is an appropriation to DHS for SSP payments. Additionally, as referenced under the Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 416.2096, there are Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure requirements for the SSP. However, the expenditures did not reach the required MOE levels for the past several years, and additional "shortfall" payments had to be made per 346-53(d), HRS, cited above. This past year, the shortfall payments totaled \$3,764,504. Therefore, if the monthly amount highlighted above in 346-53(c)(1) and (2) were increased by \$115 to \$767 and \$875, respectively, it is highly likely that no additional state appropriation would be needed. This is because the care homes with residents receiving SSP payments would receive an additional \$1,380 per resident per year. Given the current SSP budget, anything over the \$115 increase would require an increased budget allocation.

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

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
In Support of HB1357 Related Medicaid Back Pay

Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith Agaran and Members of the Finance 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 am in strong support of passing HB1357 relating to Medicaid Patients Back Pay. We care for the impoverished and the medicaid benefit recipients who are unable to care for themselves. We provide their housing, daily needs, meals and snacks, supervision, transportation and in some cases medical care. Prior to January 2023, care givers had been paid \$1,442.90 for the last fourteen (14) years. In January of 2023, that amount rose only to \$1,515.90, a \$73.00 raise. Could you imagine your employer giving you a raise of only a \$73.00 over a 14 year period? We are the people caring for your loved ones, your grandparents, your mom or you dad, your brother or your sister. Isn't their well-being worth more than that? Also, these medicaid patients in the care home setting are wards of the State of Hawaii so residential care home settings help save the state millions of dollars every year. That is why I submit that care givers of these facilities should receive back-pay for having no increases for the aforementioned time. I submit that licensed care givers shall be paid \$2,500 per client, for each year of the last fourteen years. Back-payments for clients/patients who were housed less than a year will be pro-rated. I request that payments be made in monthly installments over 12 months or in a single lump sum at the request of the licensed care giver. Licensed care givers will have to provide historical records of the patients under their care to receive back pay.

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.

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

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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



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

Date FEB-9, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Ridge Cabaccang (Name)

PO BOX 957 KEOAU, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/7/2023

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

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ANGELO TEDDIE DELA CRUZ  
(Name)

851 KEOHOU, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/6/2023

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

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Rey Cabaccang (Name)

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Date 2/8/2023



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*Mamuel Sory*

(Name)

*HR, Box 5478*

*Kaun, HI 96749*

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Date *2/8/23*



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Jade Sumner (Name)

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Pandho Sumobu (Name)

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Rose Marie Torres (Name)

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Kaanu, HI 96249 (Address)

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Allen Lindsay (Name)

151440 18th Kaloli Keaau HI 96749  
(Address)

Date 2/8/2023

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*Dale Dinsmore*

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Sincerely yours,

Sadao Muramatsu (Name)  
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(Address)

Date 2/8/2023

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*Eufemio Salmo* (Name)

*HCR, Box 5471*  
*Kaun, HI 96749* (Address)

Date *2/8/23*

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(Address)

Date

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Sincerely yours

Victoria Agcaoli

(Name)

HERI Bay 54778

Kaun, HI 96749 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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Gina Tugade

(Name)

151440 18th Kaloli Keauu HI 96749

(Address)

Date

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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*

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Jaynie Sumner (Name)

HCP, BOYS 78  
Keaun, HI 96749 (Address)

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Sincerely yours,

*Edna Rice*  
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 PUKUKAHI ST  
WAIPAHU HI 96797

Date: February 08, 2023

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Sincerely yours,

Name: OFELIA C. SIMPLICIANO

Address: 94-106 KAUPU 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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Name: Glavia Amodo

Address: 1437 Ala Leleu St.  
Honolulu, HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023

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Name: *Ruby B. 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

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Name: Dyanita A. Ulep

Address: 2817 Nih'i St.

Hon. H'i 96819

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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

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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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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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Sincerely yours,

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

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Loriella Fiesta (Name)

116-2088 Emerald Dr (Address)  
Pahoa HI 96778

Date 02.8.23

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

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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

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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,  
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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~~

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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 1387, HB 1400, HB 1388, HB 1401, HB 1400, HB 1389, HB 1388

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*T. Amato G. Ilogun B. Kobayashi J. Medina S. Nishimoto D. Garcia*

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

date 2/7/23

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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 1368, HB 1450, HB 1357, HB 1400, HB 1366, HB 1491, HB 1490, HB 1355, HB 1356

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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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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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Bessie Jimelo (Name)

117 Melani St. Hilo, HI 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23



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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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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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Address: 1533 Ala Iolani Place

Hon. HI 96819

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Name: Gloria Picta

Address: 2504 Likini St. Hon. HI 96819

Date: February 08, 2023

RE: SUPPORT FOR BILL(S) HB 1309, HB 1489/HB 1357, HB 1490/HB1356,  
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Name: Rosalinda Olivas  
Address: 3410 Aliamanu St.  
Hon. HI 96818

Date: February 08, 2023



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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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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

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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 Bellotti (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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James E. Baker (Name)  
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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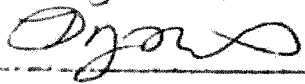
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Phyllis Shindo



(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

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IMELDA J. PACRIS (Name)  
124 W. KINAH PLACE  
HILO, HI. 96720 (Address)

Date 2/8/23

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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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MADURO EDER (Name)

17-155 Pepee St. (Address)

Keeau, Hawaii 96749

Dated: 3/9/2023

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Trishida A. Edun (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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Randy Soriano (Name)

17327 PiliKino Rd. (Address)

KURFISTOWN, HI. 96760

Dated: 3/9/23

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17-327 Pili King Rd. (Address)

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Sincerely yours,

NANCY TOLLENTINO (Name)

P.O. Box 1727 (Address)

Pahoa, HI. 96770

Dated: March 9, 2023

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

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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

Dated: 3/8/23

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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

Dear Senator / Representative,

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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

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

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  
the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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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

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

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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 Fajano (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

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

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Sincerely,

Mary Mungalo (Name)

95-553 Wehewehe Lane (Address)

Mililani HI 96789

Date 02-07-2023

Support for Licensed Caregivers/Home Operators

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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

Bill(s): HB1356, HB1357, SB1474

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Sincerely,

Donna K. Way (Name)  
#1864  
300 WAIWANE WAY (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

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS

HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

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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,

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

Date: 2/20/23

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS

HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

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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).

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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,

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

Date: 2-20-23

Support for Licensed Caregivers Bill(s):

HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

Dear Representative Lamosao / Senator Henry Aquino

I am a resident of Waipahu and I wanted to express my support for increasing the compensation for licensed home caregivers (CCFFH, ARCH, EARCH, and DDD), and provide them 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 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 Helelehua 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**

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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 Halechua St.* (Address)

*Waipahu, HI 96797*

Date: *2/20/23*

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED CAREGIVER BILLS

HB1308, HB1309, HB1357, HB1356, HB1488, HB1491

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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,

*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

Re: Support for Bills: HB 1352, HB 1356, SB 1314

Año: 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 Lyick* (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

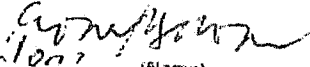
Chair Senator Donovan Dafa Cruz;  
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran; and  
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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 Domitory (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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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 Daychery (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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Sincerely yours,

Aileen Paopao (Name)  
88 Pakiolani St (Address)

Hilo, HI 96720

Dated March 6, 2023

CGS

Chair Senator Jay Sen Buenaventura;  
Vice Chair Senator Henry Aquino; 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 maunahi, 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 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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Sincerely yours,  
*Christina Dwyer* (Name)  
18 Kalia Ave. (Address)  
Hialeah, HI 90790  
Dated: March 6, 2013

CGS

Chair Senator Joy San Buenaventura,  
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

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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.

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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, 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 Villaiba (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.

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

MERLINA VALDEZ (Name)

091 Hoomau ST (Address)

Wailuku HI 96743

Date 3 / 7 / 23

**HB-1357-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 12:13:21 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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 a year supervision, and in some cases, we bring patients to their doctor's appointments, and we also do medicine monitoring.

We are asking for a back pay or an enhanced payments because we never got an increase from the State for the last 14 years and even if we received an increase, it was very small. Today, we receive \$1,515.90 per client for Room and Board, and although, there are some Levels of Care Cost involved, we don't even get paid for it--which is so unfair. Our home is a Type I ARCH which my mother operated for 48 years; I just took over (as approved by DOH-OHCA) to continue running our care home for the last three years so overall we've been working/serving the care home industry for over 50 years. My mother just retired and the money she receives from Social Security is not sufficient for her livelihood. Everytime she filed her income tax, her income was only around \$12,000 per year so can you imagine how much she saved for retirement because the pay she received from the State (SSI/Medquest) was barely enough to keep the care home going? I commend my mother for all her selflessness, hard work and for her service and contributions in the Care Home industry. She loved and cared for her patients--just like her own family. Most of the Type I ARCH providers are just like my mother--most of them will retired; however, some are still working their business. I have to say that these care home operators--including my mother saved the State a lot of monies basically because they were paid so little--as compared to all other facilities in the State.

I hope you'll find it in your hearts to be more compassionate to caregivers as they were compassionate enough to care for the less fortunate individuals. These caregivers deserve to receive back payments or enhanced payments.

Your kind support for HB 1357 would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Rosemarie S. Sebastian, Treasurer

ILWU LOCAL 1000

99-079 Kauhale St., #101

Aiea, HI 96701



Chair Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

Vice Chair Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino

member of the committee

Senate 2023

I am in support of H.B No. 1357, relating to back pay for CCFFH, ARCH Type 1, EARCH and DDDOM, home care providers.

My name is Juanita A, Ulep, with Type 1 ARCH license and a care provider for forty eight (48) years. For fourteen (14) years, there was no increase provided for us.

So please help us support the bill for us to survive.

Thank you.

JUANITA A. ULEP

Local 1000, ILWU

Trustee

**HB-1357-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 9:28:40 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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. Mahalo!**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mathew Yamamoto**

**ILWU**

**HB-1357-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 3:58:25 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruthie Agbayani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

From July 1, 2009 to present, many caregivers/providers have not been paid for services provided to Medicaid clients. Everything is computerized these days, including filing of claims. Despite closeness of accuracies, due to human errors, coding, or glitches, many payments from health maintenance organizations fall through the cracks. Caregivers/providers don't have time to be chasing after their reimbursements; they are busy providing quality health care for their Medicaid clients. In addition to appropriating funds for back payments, I would like to personally request that the DHS investigate all unpaid claims individually. With the high costs of living here in Hawaii before, during, and much worse in the aftermaths of the COVID19 pandemic, nothing is for free, most especially healthcare services. Caregivers/providers need to be paid for all services provided as far back as 14 years. Thank you.

# THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



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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

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Dear Lawmakers,

In support of Bill SB1474 and HB 1357, I am here to give you a name, a face and an experience on why you should support and pass this bill.

SB 1474 gave you the data, the supporting evidence and the numbers based on Milliman's study on why you should pass this bill. I am on the other hand, also here to give you my first hand experience which is shared by thousands of caregivers in the state of Hawaii. I am here to give a voice to those who are intimidated to speak, to those whose English is a second language and to those who cannot make it in front of you because they have no one to watch their patients. So where do we start? SB 1474, is asking for the committee to appropriate a budget meant for CCFFH, care homes, CMAs and day cares. A budget that is meant just for US, the caregivers and a state and federal matching as well. With all the budget that you have to consider all day long, and with all the organizations that ask for a cut of that budget, why would you even prioritize this bill? I am here to give you clarification,

The Milliman study gave you an insight of the discrepancy of the Medicaid reimbursement rates between nursing homes and care homes, it also gave you an insight on how patient preference have shifted away from institutional settings and into a home and community based care, it also stated the shift in the complexity of patient care and how it does not align with the current reimbursement trend and how the home and community based services providers have gone on without any rate updates. In any industry, whether its hospitality, food service or even the senate, have had a rate increase, but the care home industry has not...For 14 years. Other caregivers have gone in front you, who have fought and asked for a rate increase and been turned down and have not been heard for 14 years. As a representative of the State of Hawaii, have you gone on for 14 years without a rate increase? You have not. And I'm pretty sure that if part of your job description includes not getting a rate increase adjusted for yearly inflation, you would not be here today. So why would you expect the care home industry to do the same? Unfortunately, caregiving is also a dying breed and care homes are a dying industry. Amongst the next generation, they would rather be a social media influencer or a crypto investor or a serial entrepreneur. The millennials, the Gen Z which is supposedly our future does not want to make a career out of being a caregiver. And Who can blame them? They have heard the present generation of caregivers lament about their burdens. The no day off, the 24/7 care for less than minimum wage, no healthcare benefits, no access to retirement or pension funds, having to find your own replacement for a day off or vacation and having to pay those replacements 3x than what you earn in a day. And to top it all off, no raise

for 14 years despite the rate of inflation. As more and more foster care homes are closing and not enough are opening up, can the State of Hawaii really afford to lose more available Medicaid beds just as when the anticipated "Silver Tsunami" is looming ahead of us? More and more retiring kupunas in the state of Hawaii needing 24/7 care has no retirement or pension funds and has to rely on Medicaid or SSI for their needs. Not only that, but there is a trend of aging adults who are homeless with a history of drug abuse, mental health problems or criminal background and because of lifestyle choices are now needing 24/7 care. Where do you think they would go? Most, if not all of them go to a care home or a foster care home. They don't go to an assisted living facility or most care homes that only takes private pay clients. They go to us, the CCFFH or ARCH homes that takes Medicaid clients. And as a family member, how long can you afford to pay privately for your loved ones? A year, 2 years and if you are well off enough maybe 5 years. And then what? Just as when your funds are running out, you will struggle to look for a care home that can take a Medicaid client for your loved one, all the while ignoring the plea of the Medicaid providers that are here right now letting you know that we are struggling to keep our businesses afloat. We want to help to make sure that your loved ones have a safe, loving, economical place to age out but we also need help from the State of Hawaii to make sure that we have a place to keep our businesses profitable and rewarding. In the last 14 years, caregivers have come before me to give you a narrative of their struggles and it was ignored. 14 years later, The struggles are the same, the burdens are the same, the request for a resolution is the same. After 14 years would your answer be the same as well? The time has come to take a hard look at what we contribute to the state of Hawaii, and the time has come to take a hard look at what we should be appropriately compensated for.

HB 1357, I also support to give the enhanced payments to those eligible caregivers who have Medicaid clients who have not received a raise in 14 years. To turn down this bill is heartless, the compensation they ask for is minimal compared to the sacrifices they have made over the years to keep the standard of care for their clients while juggling a budget that is not enough to keep their own standard of living worthwhile. Needless to say most of the caregivers who are urging you to pass this bill have had their clients for over 14 years. In those 14 years compare the price of rice and spam and how they have risen over the years...now compare that to the rate of pay for those caregivers and how their pay HAVE NOT risen over the years. Do you get the picture? Now ask yourselves again, Dear Lawmakers, are we in the wrong to ask for this bill to pass?

We have heard the phrase over and over that caregiving is not easy. And it is true, it is not easy. But do you know what makes caregiving harder? Having to beg for a rightful

compensation that is dignified. Having to ask for a piece of a budget from the State of Hawaii that we helped save millions of dollars over the years. Having to convince the lawmakers that the care home industry has an important role now and in the future to help its beloved aging kupunas secure a place to age out in a loving home. Help us build this industry to a level that is justifiably profitable and rewarding. Help us to attract the future generation to believe again in the culture of taking care of its kupunas. Lastly, help us, the caregivers, elevate our roles as an integral and essential part of the community and an important partner of the State of Hawaii in providing access to care for its Medicaid constituents.

Mahalo for your time.

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