

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

578

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1309  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 1309 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to provide monthly room and board payments for each Medicaid-eligible client under the care of certain types of licensed care home providers.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from ILWU Local 1000 and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that home and community-based service providers carry out essential and necessary services to the State's elderly and vulnerable populations. These facilities prevent institutionalization by enabling individuals with intermediate care needs to remain in a home setting as part of a family. Your Committees further find that providing additional funds for these providers could help address rising costs caused by inflation and the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

2023-1608 HB1309 HD1 HSCR HMSO

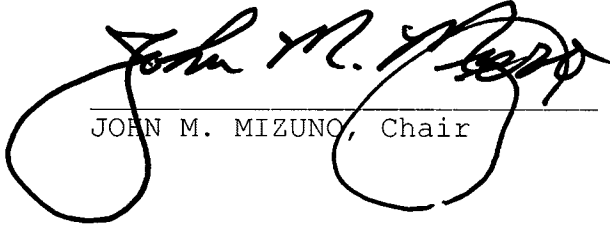


- (1) Amending the statutory State Supplemental Payment rate to reflect the increased amount proposed by this measure;
- (2) Clarifying that the appropriation made by this measure is for State Supplemental Payments, not monthly room and board payments and for clients eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income, public assistance, or both, rather than for Medicaid-eligible clients;
- (3) Increasing the per-client payment amount from \$722 to \$772 to reflect the inclusion of the client's Personal Needs Amount;
- (4) Clarifying that the payments will be made to licensed care home providers who care for certain clients authorized to receive State Supplemental Payments;
- (5) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1309, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1309, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health &  
Homelessness and Human  
Services,

  
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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair

  
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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

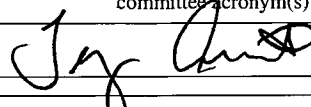




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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1309</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT/HUS, FIN</b>	Date: <b>02.10.2023</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>8</b>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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