

To: Representative SYLVIA LUKE, Chair of Finance

Representative SCOTT NISHIMOTO, Vice Chair of Finance

Date: March 4, 2015, 11:00 AM, House Conference, Rm 308

Re: HB 1195 HD 1—Relating to Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

My name is Wannette Gaylord. I am a Care Home Operator and Vice President of the organization ARCA, Alliance of Residential Care Administrators. My written and in person testimony is in support of HB 1195 HD1.

The language of this bill is verbatim of the 2010 HB 2157, HD1, SD2, CD1, that became a Hawaii Revised Statute Section 321-15.62. The sunset date of June 30, 2013 was overlooked therefore had to reintroduced this year.

The Department of Health, Office of Health Care Assurance has continued relicensing these care homes in accordance with this statute ensuring that our kupuna do not get displaced.

I thank you Honorable Chair, Vice chair and committee members for listening to me in support of HB1195 HD 1.

Mahalo,

Wannette Gaylord

**LATE**

To: Committee Chair on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke

Date: March 4, 2015, 1100 AM House Conference, Rm 308

Re: **HB 1195** – Increases the capacity from two to three nursing facility level residents in Type I Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes. (HB1195 HD1)

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

My name is Ramon Sumibcay. I am a registered nurse and one of the officers of Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support for HB 1195, allowing the DOH to continue the current capacity of expanded adult residential care homes with 2-3 nursing level residents.

Mahalo.

Ramon Sumibcay

**LATE**

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Good Morning Chair, Vice Chair and Members:

My name is Lilia Fajotina, President of ARCA, (Alliance of Residential Care Administrators).

I strongly support the HB 1195 Relating to Expanded Adult Residential Care Home.

In 2010 HB 2157 was enacted into law (Act 120 ) which increased the capacity from two to three nursing facility level residents in Type I Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes.

Unfortunately there was a sunset date of June 30, 2013. The purpose of this bill is to put back in place the language of Act 120 (2010).

Care homes have been saving the State millions of dollars yearly by providing our kupuna quality care service in our homes. We are a safe and highly regulated industry. Passing this bill will allow more beds to be available for our elderly, a portion of our population that continues to grow each year.

Many of our elderly who are waitlisted for long-term care occupy acute care beds in our hospitals creating shortages for those acute care beds. Increasing the capacity in care homes will help open up beds for those that need those services.

Caregivers are caring individuals who have opened their homes to care for the elderly. Please pass this bill out and let our caring caregiver provide care to more clients and in the process and improve the long-term care and acute care bed shortage issues.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY...

**LATE**

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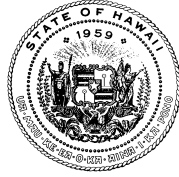
**Testimony:**

**Aloha, Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and committee members. I thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Jonathan P. Hanks, My wife Arlene and I run a Community Care Family Foster Home. My wife has been a certified CCFFH operator continuously for the last 14 years. I've been caring for elderly in our Home for the last nine years. I am also certified as an Adult Residential Care Home Operator. As our elderly population is increasing we need as many options as possible for elderly in long term care. I agree that Adult Residential Care Homes should be allowed to increase their capacity from 2 to 3 nursing home level clients. I am in support of HB1195. I humbly thank this Committee for this Opportunity to Speak.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jonathan P. Hanks**





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**LATE**

**Testimony Providing COMMENTS on House Bill 1195, HD 1  
RELATING TO EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Room Number: 308

1 **Fiscal Implications:** No new fiscal impacts although the staff time and effort expended over  
2 recent years on applications for a 3<sup>rd</sup> nursing facility level bed has slowed down the department's  
3 ability to process new applications for new ARCH and E-ARCH, and other licenses.

4 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to provide COMMENTS on this bill.

5 There are 236 licensed Type I E-ARCHs in Hawaii. During recent years, OHCA has  
6 received approximately 133 applications for a 3<sup>rd</sup> nursing facility level bed and has approved  
7 125, or 94% of the applications received. Only about 8 applications were denied or deferred. In  
8 2014, there were 12 applications and 10 were approved.

9 In 2010, a bill was passed to allow OHCA to approve a 3<sup>rd</sup> bed. The bill sunsetted in  
10 2013. Nevertheless, OHCA has incorporated into its operation the standard practice of accepting  
11 applications for a 3<sup>rd</sup> bed with the results noted above.

12 OHCA is concerned for the health and safety of all residents and of the E-ARCH's ability  
13 to care for an additional nursing facility level resident. As a result, OHCA implemented criteria  
14 for the approval of such applications. The criteria includes a review of the E-ARCH's history of  
15 the prior two years to ensure no serious or significant deficiencies were cited, that plans of

1 corrections for other citations were submitted timely and corrections were made, that residents  
2 are able to self-preserve or evacuate on their own from the home in case of an emergency, and  
3 other similar criteria. As the above statistics indicate, the Type I E-ARCH facilities have  
4 performed well to earn the department's approval of a 3<sup>rd</sup> bed.

5 As a result, this bill does not appear to be necessary but it is the department's position to  
6 provide COMMENTS only in order to provide the legislature with a context on what the  
7 department has and is continuing to do on the matter of applications from Type I E-ARCHs for  
8 licensure of a 3<sup>rd</sup> nursing facility level bed.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to provided COMMENTS.

10 **Offered Amendments:** None