
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED, WORKABLE POLICY TO PROTECT THE ELDERLY WITHOUT COMPROMISING RESIDENT CARE, AND THAT ENCOURAGES MORE PEOPLE TO BECOME ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME OR COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME OPERATORS.

1 WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) and community
2 care foster family home (CCFFH) operators provide an invaluable
3 service to the greater community; and
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5 WHEREAS, ARCH and CCFFH operators save taxpayers
6 substantial sums of money that would otherwise be expended for
7 the care of the elderly and disabled if they were to become
8 wards of the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, many operators are beset by tough challenges such
11 as the high cost of liability insurance that threaten their
12 continued existence; and
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14 WHEREAS, caring for ARCH and CCFFH operators' clients is a
15 profession that is becoming increasingly necessary in the face
16 of Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and
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18 WHEREAS, with the rising cost of living in Hawaii it has
19 become increasingly common for multiple family members in a home
20 to hold down several jobs leaving little time for the 24-hour
21 care of an aging relative, increasing the need for ARCH and
22 CCFFH facilities; and
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24 WHEREAS, assisted-living facilities are well beyond the
25 financial reach of many families who need assistance with a
26 loved one; and



1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020, one in four
2 persons in this state will be over the age of 60, illustrating
3 the critical need for ARCH and CCFFH operators; and
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5 WHEREAS, ARCH and CCFFH operators provide for all aspects
6 of a person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or
7 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with
8 those residents who no longer have family close by; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Departments of Health (DOH) and Human Services
11 (DHS) have overlapping jurisdiction over certain aspects of
12 ARCHs and CCFFHs, including licensure, inspections, and
13 regulatory enforcement; and
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15 WHEREAS, an ARCH or CCFFH that cares for chronically ill
16 residents needing skilled nursing care will be subject to DOH's
17 medical-based guidelines as well as DHS's policies based on a
18 social services point of view; and
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20 WHEREAS, subjecting ARCH and CCFFH facilities to two sets
21 of rules and policies causes confusion, which may negatively
22 influence a resident's care, and cause frustration to employees
23 in jobs that are inherently stressful; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that DOH and DHS are
28 urged to work together to develop a standardized, workable
29 policy to protect the elderly without compromising resident
30 care, and that encourages more people to become ARCH or CCFFH
31 operators; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
35 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

