

# HAWAII COALITION OF CAREGIVERS

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Testimony in **Strong Support of SB 190** – HUS – 3/16/09, 8:00 a.m., Rm. 329

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Brower, and Members of the Committee:

**Myriam Tabaniag**

President  
*Alliance of Residential Care  
Administrators*

The Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers (HCCG) **strongly supports SB190** which allows a married couple who are not using federal/state aid to reside and receive care in the same community care foster home under certain conditions.

**Lani Akee**

President  
*Adult Foster Homecare  
Association of Hawaii*

HCCG believes that allowing married couples to live together in the same home will result better health and well-being, physically and emotionally, for residents. Indeed, preserving one's personal relationship, especially a close relationship one has with a spouse, is central to one's sense of independence, self-worth, and dignity. This sense of independence results in a better quality of life for our residents.

**Esther Pascual**

President  
*United Group of Home  
Operators*

Indeed, the purpose of community care foster homes is to allow elderly and disabled to remain integrated in the community as opposed to being institutionalized. This bill would further this purpose and create good policy, by fostering environments where elderly and disabled can maintain close personal relationships so dear to their hearts.

**Myriam Guerrero**

President  
*Alliance of Residential Care  
Administrators - Big Island  
Chapter*

In summary, HCCG reiterates its **strong support of SB190** that would allow elderly and disabled residents to maintain their marriages and dignity.

**Daniel Marcos**

President  
*Adult Foster Home  
Association of Hawaii - Big  
Island Chapter*

Very truly yours,

**Myriam Guerrero**

President  
*Alliance of Residential Care  
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## About HCCG

HCCG consists primarily of four organizations working in collaboration towards the common mission of uniting the home and community based care giving industry to improve the quality of care provided to elderly and developmentally disabled clients in various home and community based programs, as well as to improve the state of the industry. HCCG members include: The Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA), the United Group of Home Administrators (UGHO), and the Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA). Together, members of the four organizations have a membership of almost 1,250 and comprise about 70% of the home and community-based caregivers in the State of Hawaii.